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SIMON PRESENTS SECOND WAR-TIME BUDGET

"THIS GANG OF BLOOD-STAINED, MONEY-MAKING MURDERERS": MR. DUFF COOPER'S SPEECH ON WAR



MR. DUFF COOPER.

Only Three British Ships Sunk In A Week

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Only three British ships were lost last week totalling 11,400 tons, which is half the average of losses since the beginning of the war.

No neutral ships were sunk which once again demonstrates the safety of the British convoy system extended to neutrals.

German losses include the Tormentor which is reported to have been sunk off Stockholm, possibly by a mine.

In addition, a British submarine sank one ship, of about 3,000 tons and another of about 6,000 tons and five others in convoy.

Names of ships: The British losses were the Swanby (4,935 tons), the Mersey (1,037) and the Hawaby (5,380).

"GERMANY HAS ASSUMED MANY UGLY SHAPES IN HER PAST, but never has the face of Germany been more vile than under this gang of blood-stained, money-making murderers," said the Rt. Hon. Alfred Duff Cooper, D.S.O., M.P., former First Lord of the Admiralty, when he proposed the "Toast of England" at the luncheon held by the Royal Society of St. George to celebrate the anniversary of St. George's Day, held at Grosvenor House, London, yesterday.

The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who was to have proposed the toast, was unavoidably prevented from attending, and in addressing the gathering Mr. Duff Cooper said that the First Lord had sent a message regretting his inability to attend.

Mr. Duff Cooper said, in part:—"You were expecting today to hear one of the most powerful and most popular Ministers of the Crown. Instead you see before you a member of the unemployed."

A GREAT TASK
"It is a great responsibility to propose the Toast of England. It is a great responsibility to substitute for Mr. Winston Churchill," but the speaker added, to substitute for Mr. Winston Churchill to propose the Toast of England was a task too great for anybody.

The speaker then went on to say, however, that when he was asked if he would substitute for the First Lord he unhesitatingly accepted because there was nobody he so much liked to render any service to, no matter how small.

EMBITTERED MOOD
For the last disastrous decade, the speaker went on, Mr. Churchill's voice had been like one crying in the wilderness, yet from the day the country was plunged into war, this voice was recognised as one of the most powerful in the land.

Mr. Duff Cooper said that he belonged to the generation upon whom the brunt of the last war fell. When he saw the young men

today, marching out to fight, he was reminded of the young men who went out 25 years ago.

But added the speaker, if the characters of the men were the same, the mood was different in that the mood of those who went out today was that of men embittered at the thought that a single nation could plunge the whole world into war.

It is a mood which is determined that never again shall this be made possible.

WHOLE GUILT ON GERMANY
Continuing, Mr. Duff Cooper said that not for a moment could the finger of blame be pointed at England or France, for the whole guilt fell on Germany.

Mr. Duff Cooper said that today we see the whole of Europe trembling under the terror of the Continued on Back Page

AUSTRALIA IS DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN WAR INDUSTRIES

CANBERRA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Unless coal miners resume work this week and seek settlement of the dispute by constitutional means the Government will take steps to reopen the mines, stated Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, in the House of Representatives.

He added: "The Government is determined to maintain war industries and essential services."



SIR JOHN SIMON

British Troops Reinforce Norwegians In South

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Military circles confirmed that British troops have reinforced the Norwegians in South Norway. Their arrival on this front is regarded as a factor of first importance.

POSITION NOT CLEAR
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—While the position in southern Norway is still not clear it now seems certain that Hamar and Elverum have been in German hands for several days.

The rumours which have been current here regarding the presence of strong Allied forces in these regions, seem to have been exaggerated and that the figure of 750 men, given as the advance guard, constitutes that total Anglo-French troops in this region at the present.

Swedish correspondents say the Germans, who are advancing northwards towards Rena, 20 miles above Elverum, are meeting with only slight resistance, from the Norwegians.

The Germans are methodically closing all roads leading into Sweden. The Tidningen's Oslo correspondent says that fresh German troops are constantly arriving there.

The German Minister in Copenhagen has been appointed "Protector" of Denmark and Hitler's personal representative.

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Today's War communique states there was nothing to report.

SUDDEN DEATH: M.P. TOOK ILL IN COMMONS

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Sir Nairne Stewart-Sandeman, Bt., M.P. for (O) Middleton and Prestwich Division of Lancashire since 1928, was taken ill in the House of Commons today and died before reaching the hospital.

Sir Nairne, who was born in 1876, was Director of Dawnay, Day and Co., Ltd.

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£2,667 MILLION PROVIDED BY THE CHANCELLOR FOR PRESENT YEAR EXPENDITURE

Presenting his second war-time budget in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the £500,000,000 vote of credit authorised by the House had been under-spent by £91,500,000, according to a Reuter report from London.

It had been assumed by some critics that this unspent residue indicated a delay on the part of the services engaged in the war effort carrying through their programme.

That criticism was not entirely fair because it failed to take account of the differences between closely checked figures of departmental estimates, passed by the House, and the broad generality of the vote of credit which was primarily designed to authorise whatever expenditure came to be met down to the end of the financial year.

The actual expenditure last year was £1,218,873,000, instead of the emergency budget estimate of £1,933,000,000. There was thus a saving under various heads in last year's expenditure amounting in the whole to £118,500,000.

On the other side of the account they might fairly allow themselves some degree of enthusiasm.

LABOUR URGE ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—An alliance of democratic peoples is urged by the National Council of Labour consisting of executives of the Labour Party, the Parliamentary Labour Party and the Trade Union Congress in a statement today.

The statement declares that neutrality ceased to have any meaning for the Nazi aggressor; it has no guarantee of a nation's security and British Labour is convinced that the way to freedom lies in an alliance of all democratic people whose liberty and independence is as much at stake as those of the democratic countries who are already involved in the war.

Revenue estimated, which amounted to £995,000,000 had been exceeded by £54,000,000 (cheers).

Income tax and surtax payers had behaved nobly in paying up so promptly the increased sums demanded of them. The estimates last September of both income tax and surtax had been fulfilled practically precisely: £390,000,000 was produced by income tax and it was the largest amount of income tax ever yielded in a single year.

In the first year of the last war the total income tax was £59,000,000 compared with the present £390,000,000. Last year the surtax produced £268,750,000 while the super tax in 1914-15 produced £10,000,000.

Death duties were over £2,000,000 up upon the estimate.

National defence contributions produced nearly £27,000,000 compared with £25,000,000 estimated.

Excess profits duties had already contributed its first trickle of £40,000. Inland revenue had produced £597,000,000 instead of the estimated £578,750,000. Customs and excise produced £400,000,000 which was £27,500,000 more than the estimate.

This surplus was chiefly due to the exceptionally large yield from articles on which he had increased duties last time.

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INCOME TAX 7s. 6d.

As foreshadowed last September, Sir John Simon said in the House of Commons yesterday that he proposed raising the standard of income tax from 7/- to 7/6d.

First Raids Since December

JAPANESE ACTIVE OVER SZECHUEN

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The Japanese air force yesterday resumed activity over Szechuen, the raids being the first since December, 1935.

It is officially confirmed that Ziping (Sufu), in south-west of Szechuen, was bombed last night when more than 30 Japanese aircraft raided the town twice. Details are not available.

An official communique published by the morning papers gave no details regarding yesterday's raids, merely stating "an unknown number of aircraft headed westward yesterday morning."

"The machines flew at a great height and only the sound of their engines were heard. Chien-chiang and Penghui, south-east of Chungking, reported the sound of aircraft engines. Later the machines disappeared in an easterly direction."

FULL STORY OF ATTACK BY SECOND DESTROYER FLOTILLA ON GERMAN FORCES IN NARVIK: GLOWING PAGE ADDED TO BRITISH NAVAL HISTORY

LONDON, APR. 23 (BRITISH WIRELESS).—A GLOWING PAGE IS ADDED TO BRITISH NAVAL HISTORY IN THE RECORD OF THE ATTACK ON THE GERMAN FORCES IN NARVIK on April 10 by the Second Destroyer Flotilla, consisting of H.M. destroyers Hardy, Hotspur, Hostile, Havock and Hunter. The account is based on preliminary reports to the Admiralty of the surviving officers of the Flotilla leader, H.M.S. Hardy (Capt. Warburton Lee) which at 4 p.m. on April 9 landed two officers at a Norwegian pilot station at Tranoy near the head of the West Fjord. They learnt that Narvik was strongly held and that in Ofot Fjord there were at least six German destroyers, larger and more powerful than the Hardy and her consorts.

EIGHT NAZI SHIPS SUNK AT NARVIK

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The following German ships at Narvik on Apr. 9 are believed to have been sunk:—

The oil refinery ship Jarwellam (11,775 tons), Neuenfels (8,098), Aachen (6,388), Altona (5,992), Heinhoyer (5,836), Buckenheim (4,902), Martinhendriksson (4,879) and Frierinhaus (4,339).

BRITISH TRANSPORT
It is learnt in Naval circles in London that no one British expeditionary forces to Norway has been sunk.

A German High Command communique had claimed that one British destroyer and transport were sunk by the German air force off the west coast of Norway.

This intelligence was communicated to the Admiralty who thought the attack in the face of these strong German forces so hazardous that at 1 a.m. on April 10 Capt. Warburton Lee was told he must be the sole judge of whether to attack or not and that the Admiralty would support him whatever happened.

Capt. Warburton Lee replied he intended to attack at dawn high water. At 3 a.m., the Hardy, Hotspur, Hostile, Havock and Hunter proceeded into the narrow channel leading into Ofot Fjord. There was a slight east wind. It was misty and snowing heavily. Visibility was so low that fog lights had to be used to enable the ships to keep touch. The Hardy led the Flotilla. The narrative of one of her officers states, "We never saw either side of the Fjord except early when we nearly hit it once." The passage was, however, successfully accomplished and about 4.30 a.m. the Flotilla was off Narvik. The Hardy entered Narvik harbour alone. At first nothing but a merchantship near the entrance could be seen. When the Hardy had passed the ship, however, a mass of other shipping came into view, including a large German destroyer. The Hardy at once turned to port and fired torpedoes, at the same time increasing her speed to 20 knots. As the Hardy was swinging under her helm, two more large German destroyers came into view. Torpedoes were fired at them and the Hardy opened fire with her guns. At that moment there was a loud explosion and a sheet of red flame from the first German destroyer, and thousands of rounds of tracer ammunition began to go off in the air looking like bright stars.

FOUND ITS MARK

One of the Hardy's torpedoes had found its mark and one of the enemy ships had been accounted for. Continued on Back Page

British Navy To Be Reinforced By Five Of Most Powerfully Armed And Strongly Protected Battleships

King George V Type Near "Unsinkable" Ideal

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The British Navy is about to be reinforced by five of the largest, the most powerfully armed and the most strongly protected battleships in the world, states Hector Bywater, the News-Chronicle naval correspondent.

These vessels, named King George V, Prince of Wales, Duke of York, Jellicoe and Beatty, are now undergoing trials.

Mr. Bywater states that they are the largest battleships ever built in Britain and are exceeded in size only by the Lion and Temeraire and two others, yet unnamed, which are under construction and will displace at least 40,000 tons.

The King George V and the four consorts differ almost in every respect from any previous British battleships. They mount ten 14-inch guns in two quadruple and one twin turrets, 16 5.5-inch and many lighter guns.

ATTACK ON SWEDEN

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Un-easiness is felt in military circles here about Sweden.

It is feared that the coming days may see a development, such as a German attack on, or landing in, Sweden as the Germans are said to be making all preparations.

The speed of this class exceeds 30 knots and the steaming endurance is expected to be far greater than that of their predecessors.

Their 14-inch guns have a high rate of fire with a superior range to the 15-inch guns of older battleships and can penetrate thicker armour.

All five ships were launched in an unusually advanced stage of completion and their completion will raise their strength to capital ships to 19 more, and at least four more are building.

Each will carry three aircraft and 15,000 officers and men.

STILL VISION

While the "unsinkable" battleship is still a vision, the King George V type approaches this ideal more nearly than any earlier vessel. The percentage of the weight entailed by under water defence against torpedo is much increased and, if the belt and deck armour are included, the total weight of defensive elements is 49 per cent. of the full displacement of the ship, namely, 35,000 tons. This is believed to be a world's record.

In the World of Sports

LA SALLE MAKING BID TO RETAIN GOVERNOR'S SHIELD

Twelve Boys In Finals Of Inter-School Sports

LA SALLE COLLEGE, HOLDERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD, surprised at Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday by placing 12 boys in the final of the Inter-School Sports, as many as the favourites, Wah Yan College, in a bid to retain the title won by them last year.

King's College placed nine boys, but appear even stronger on paper than either La Salle or Wah Yan and can be expected to present the strongest challenge for the Shield from the remaining six competing colleges.

St. Stephen's College and Queen's College gained six places each in the final. St. Joseph's College and Central British School five each, and the D.B.S. four. St. Paul's failed to win a place.

The best races on Friday afternoon, when the finals will be run off at Caroline Hill, should be in the 200 and 400 Metres. In the latter events, Sin Kwok-bun of King's College surprised by returning the best time of the three heats—58.2 seconds.

The Relay race, which may decide the championship, will again be between Wah Yan and La Salle Colleges, the former winning in the heats yesterday by about five yards.

THE RESULTS

100 metres: Heat 1: 1. Lai Chung-yin (Wah Yan), 2. Chow Hon-shu (King's), Heat 2: 1. C. Large (D.B.S.), 2. A. P. Silva (La Salle), Heat 3: 1. R. Lobo (La Salle).

Not Enough "Scheming"

H.K. BASKETBALL IS CRITICISED

This evening at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., a team representing the Sing Tao Jih Pao will meet the South China Athletic Association in a basketball match, the game being timed to start at 7 p.m.

The Sing Tao team will include Philip S. Lee and Martin G. Dino, who are here on a visit with the Chung Hwa Girls Basketball team from Manila.

Lee formerly played for the Far Eastern University, Manila, and has represented the All-China Selection in that City. Dino, member of the Heacock team, has also a big reputation in Manila basketball circles, having represented the Philippines in the cage game.

He was chosen for China in the last Olympic Games but owing to private reasons did not make the trip.

Talking about basketball in the Colony, Dino, who is the coach of the Chung Hwa Girls' team, said although the Hongkong girls played a good brand of basketball, they did not have the stamina for a full-time game.

The men, on the other hand, had stamina enough but they were still rather lacking in the finer points of the game in that there is not enough "planning" in their movements.

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THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for May Meeting, Sunday 5th May, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at:

The Secretaries' Office, 3rd Floor, Prince's Bldg. Des Voeux Rd.

The Hong Kong Club, The Sports Club, The Club House, Macao.

Entries close at 12 NOON on THURSDAY, 25th April, 1940.

By order,

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AREA ATHLETIC MEETING

MIDDLESEX WIN DISCUS THROW

Middlesex Regiment won the discus throw and the Hongkong Brigade, H.K.S.R.A., the shot put when the first day's events were decided with the commencement of the annual Army Area Athletic Meeting at the Polo Ground, Boundary Street, yesterday.

The following were the results: 110 stone Tug-of-War: 8th Heavy Regt. and 12th Heavy Regt. qualified for the final.

440 Yards Relay: Heat 1: 1. 8th Heavy Regt., 2. H.K.S.R.A. Heat 2: 1. Middlesex Regt., 2. 12th Heavy Regt.

Discus Throw: 1. Middlesex Regt., 203 feet 1 1/2 inches; 2. Royal Scots 181 feet 4 inches; 3. H.K.S.R.A. 177 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Shot Put: 1. H.K.S.R.A. 71 feet, 2. Middlesex Regt. 68 feet 7 inches, 3. 8th Heavy Regt. 67 feet 11 1/2 inches.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The following were the results of matches played in the Scottish Regional Football Leagues today:

WESTERN

Airdrie 3, Queen's Park 3. Third Lanark 0, Rangers 1.

The Man Who Give £1,000 To Bradman

Mr. A. E. Whitelaw, the Australian business man, who gave Don Bradman a cheque for £1,000 when he scored 309 not out for Australia in the Third Test against England in 1930, has died at Sydney.

"Bradman's performance merited some recognition," said Mr. Whitelaw. "Boxers get more money for doing less important things."

U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Results of the League baseball matches played yesterday were as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cleveland	5	8	0
St. Louis	2	7	1
Cliff pitched			
Detroit	6	11	2
Chicago	6	11	1

The following games were postponed on account of rain: Philadelphia-New York; Washington-Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	5	9	2
Pittsburgh	9	10	4
St. Louis	1	7	2
Cincinnati	6	9	0

The following matches were postponed owing to wet weather: New York-Philadelphia; Boston-Brooklyn.

SPORTING FIXTURES TODAY

ATHLETICS.—Army Athletic Championships (Polo Ground), (Boundary Street), 8.30 a.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony Championships, Finals, Mixed Doubles, K. L. Yung and Miss Ullian Khoo (University) v. P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung (Chinese "Y") (K. C. C., 8.30 p.m.). Men's Doubles, K. L. Yung and H. F. Chew (University) v. C. Au and P. H. Wong (Chinese "Y") (K. C. C., 9 p.m.).

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Navy v. Royal Scots (Causeway Bay); South China "A" v. South China "B" (Caroline Hill), 5 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon Practice Shoot (200, 500 & 600 yards), a. Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Open Singles, semi-final, Tsui Yan-pui v. Tsui Wai-pui Handicap Mixed Doubles.—V. R. Gordon and Mrs. L. P. Ralph, scr. or T. A. Peate and Miss J. Armstrong, -15 v. R. C. Beavan and Miss J. Smalley, -3.6 (4). Handicap Singles, Final, G. W. Sewell, -4.6 or M. Pagh, -30.3 v. A. H. Barwell, -1.6 or C. H. R. Hyde, -30 (8).

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Army Athletic Championships (Polo Ground), Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.

HOCKEY.—Entries close for Hongkong Hockey Association Six-a-Side Tournament.

TENNIS.—Open Singles, semi-final, S. A. Rumjahn v. H. D. Rumjahn (replay) (sand court).

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

ATHLETICS.—Inter-School Athletic Meeting, finals, (Caroline Hill), 1.30 p.m.

GOLF.—Annual Royal Artillery Meeting (Fanling).

MEETINGS.—Annual of Victoria Recreation Club (Club House), p.m.

SOFTBALL.—Softball League Presentation Night and Dance.

Seven Games, Six Wins

EASTERN TOUR IN MANILA

MANILA, April 23 (Reuter)—Eastern Athletic Association climaxed their visit to Manila with a three-nil victory over the combined YCO and La Salle XI last night. Thus they won six out of their seven games played.

Leading 2-0 at half-time, the visitors concentrated on defence in the second half during which play was erratic throughout.

A trophy was presented to the Hongkong team after the game. The visitors will be leaving for Hongkong by Clipper today.

JUNIOR CRICKET PLAY-OFF

The play-off between the Indian R.C. and the Police R.C. for the Second Division Crick: Championship of the 1939-40 season has been fixed for Saturday, April 27, on the Club de Recreo ground.

The following have been chosen to represent the Indians:

M. I. Razack (Capt.), M. R. Abbas, A. el Aruill, Jr., H. T. Barna, A. H. Ismail, A. R. Marker, J. M. A. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Sumad, F. A. Curreen and T. Ali.

RUMJAHNS ENTER 14TH FINAL SINCE 1925

Fincher And Hung Lose Three Straight Sets

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (winners from 1925 to 1935 and again in 1937) entered the final of the Colony Tennis Open Doubles for the 14th time since 1925 when they beat E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung in three straight sets yesterday, the final score being 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Excepting for a short period in the second set, play was by no means inspiring, the steadiness of S. A. Rumjahn and the good volleying of Fincher being the outstanding features of the game.

Hung was decidedly weak and, like Sirdar Rumjahn, was seldom able to raise the ball sufficiently to get the full effects of his ground strokes. His overhead play, too, was rather poor and many a good opportunity for a terrific smash was caught frequently lost in the net.

The Rumjahns had things more or less their own way when they won the first set 6-2. In the second set they were leading 4-1 when Hung struck a spot of brilliance and, ably supported by the consistent Fincher, brought the set to four-all and eventually forced it to 6-6 before the Rumjahns rallied to win two games off the reel and the set at 8-6.

WIN ON SERVICE
In the third set the Indian pair were leading 2-0. Each pair then

Ten Pins At The Alleys

"CHAMPS" BEAT ASHVILLE

F. P. Hollis, of U.S.S. Mindanao, beat Lance-Sergt. Sommerville in the first round of the Ten Pins Singles Handicap, at the Bowling Alleys, by 149 pins on Monday evening.

"CHAMPS" WIN

In a friendly match, also on Monday evening, the "Champs" added yet another victory to their already long list when they beat U.S.S. Ashville by 298 pins, the scores being as follows:—

THE "CHAMPS"

"Ernie" Hearther	944
"Doc" Molthen	858
"Dick" Venezia	822
"Chas" Miller	775
	3,399

U.S.S. ASHVILLE

W. J. Balaski	846
J. A. Harvey	779
C. G. Cunniff	757
M. O. Gray	719
	3,101

ELECTRIC R.C. BOWLS TEAM

The Hongkong Electric Recreation Club will meet I.R.C. in a lawn bowls match on Saturday at Ming Yuen and will be represented by:

C. E. Gahagan, R. F. Gregory, H. S. McKay, A. F. Paul (skip), R. C. Butler, W. E. Orchard, J. F. Lunney, G. T. Padgett (skip), A. P. Tarbuck, W. E. Baker, S. Deacon, G. S. Thomson (skip), Reserve: W. E. Macfarlane.

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GERMANY PREPARES TO ATTACK HUNGARY

But Italy Backs Out In The Eleventh Hour

PARIS, April 23 (Havas)—Havas understands that a decision to attack Hungary and Yugoslavia early in the present week was actually reached by Hitler.

Italy was expected to participate in the action against Yugoslavia to "protect Italian interests" there and thereby extending the war to the Balkans and Mediterranean. The plan was prepared in Berlin and Hitler believed that Italian participation was assured.

Advised To Go Home

U.S. RESIDENTS IN HUNGARY

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The United States Legation in Budapest yesterday advised all American citizens residing in Hungary that it would be wise for them to return to the United States while facilities are still available, according to a Budapest telegram.

The circular letter says that the Legation is not in possession of any information which could lead to the belief that the war is likely to spread to south-east Europe.

LANDING STAGES AND SPIKES

LUXEMBURG, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The Germans have constructed landing stages on the German side of the rivers Moselle and Sûre, on the frontier between Germany and Luxembourg. They declare the object is to increase river traffic and relieve railways.

The Luxembourg Government, as a result, have erected on the Luxembourg side of the rivers, obstacles with spikes made of rails.

According to impeccable sources, the Italian agreement was withdrawn at the last minute, either because Germany had not fulfilled some conditions or because the Italian Government suddenly changed its mind.

German troop concentrations near the Hungarian and Yugoslav borders continued throughout last week but were not followed by corresponding movements of Italian troops. The change in the Italian attitude coincided with the arrest of M. Stoyadinovich, former Yugoslav Premier in Belgrade who is known for his pro-Nazi sympathies.

The opinion prevails that despite Rome's failure to comply with the German desires, the question of the Italian attitude remains open and no undue optimism would be justified.

We Will Not Interfere

FIRM REPLY BY U.S. TO JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Mr. Cordell Hull said that the United States Government would not undertake "to dictate to the Philippines Legislature or bring any pressure on it in connection with Japan's objection to the proposal to limit Japanese immigration into the Philippines."

The Japanese Ambassador at Washington, Mr. Horinouchi, had asked Mr. Hull on Saturday to intercede with the Philippines, where the legislation which would cut Japanese immigration to five hundred persons a year, is now pending.

FRENCH AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE

PARIS, April 23 (Reuter)—A War communique states that east of the Moselle we repulsed, by fire, an attack of an enemy detachment which did not succeed in approaching our outposts.

During the night of April 21-22, several deep reconnaissance were carried out by our planes. During the morning of April 22 in the course of an encounter with one of our patrols, an enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down and fell in Belgium.

DETAILS WANTED

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Reuter)—Mr. Cordell Hull said that he is seeking all information about the circumstances surrounding the death of Captain Losey, U.S. Assistant Military Attache in Stockholm. He added that he would not take any diplomatic action until all information has been received.

The question which is being immediately asked by members of the State Department was whether the Germans—who still contend that there is no state of war existing between Germany and Norway—had the right to bomb any place in Norway, even if it were a military objective, such as a railway centre where Captain Losey died.

At the moment indications were that the United States would at least present Germany with a bill for damages.

Comfort Delegation Has Busy Day

CHUNGKING, April 23 (Central)—The Chinese Comfort Delegation from the South Seas had a busy day yesterday.

Members of the delegation visited the concentration camp for Japanese prisoners and took part in the inspection of the motor transport units of the Southwest Transport Bureau in the morning.

In the afternoon they inspected war spoils gathered in the wartime capital from various fronts and attended a discussion meeting at the National Military Council Headquarters.

They will stay two or three days more before proceeding to the fronts to visit the Chinese troops.

Sir Charles Craven

TO JOIN AIR COUNCIL

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—An Air Ministry announcement confirms that Sir Samuel Hoare has invited Sir Charles Craven to join the Air Council, as a civil member, for development and production in association with Air Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman.

Sir Charles Craven will also be chairman of the Air Supply Board which will replace the existing Air Council Committee on Supply, and will be responsible, under the Air Council, for the production of aeronautical equipment and supplies.

Sir Charles on taking up the appointment, has ceased to take any part in the conduct of the affairs of Vickers Ltd., and Vickers-Armstrong Ltd., as well as all associated companies.

RETURNING TO L.M.S.

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—Mr. E. G. Lemon whose services were lent to the Air Ministry by the London Midland and Scottish Railway in June 1938 is resuming the vice-presidency of the L.M.S. organisation but will serve on the Air Supply Board. Mr. Lemon, carried out with marked success, the two-year production programme for which he was lent to Ministry.

SWEDEN LODGES A PROTEST

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Numerous violations of our territory by flights over Swedish Territory has, naturally led to the Swedish Government to protest to the German Government, declared a spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Ministry.

He added that they requested that steps be taken to prevent a repetition of the flights which were particularly numerous and serious on Sunday.

"They had been the subject of the most energetic representations from the Swedish side."

ENCOURAGEMENT OF STUDY

CHUNGKING, April 23 (Central)—The Ministry of Education has announced that competitive examinations will be held among college students as an encouragement for study. Students will take examination in the courses they specialise.

Preliminary examinations will be held in the different colleges and universities between May 15 and May 31. Successful candidates will be referred to the Ministry for re-examinations to be held in Chungking, Chengtu, Loshan, Kunming, Kweilin, Chengki, Changling, Chengku, Hongkong and Shanghai. The date for the re-examinations will be announced later.

Pecuniary rewards and certificates will be awarded by the Ministry to the successful candidates in the re-examinations.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The Dutch steamer, Bernisse, 951 tons, homeward bound with a cargo of iron, was sunk off the Norwegian coast. The crew, numbering eighteen, were saved.

BRUSSELS, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—A Ministry of Defence communique states that in addition to flights by foreign planes over the Neufchateau region, yesterday morning foreign aircraft flew over Belgian territory at a number of points during the day. Two were identified as German machines.

CARTAGENAS, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Four destroyers, which Sweden bought from Italy last December, arrived here en route to Sweden. The squadron, which includes the transport ship Patricia, will proceed to Sweden after the two destroyers, which collided, have been repaired.

CAIRO, April 23 (Reuter)—The first large-scale exercises by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, since its arrival in Egypt, began yesterday morning in the desert south of Cairo. They are designed to test the powers of co-ordination of the infantry, cavalry and artillery in the roughest country. The exercises will last four days.

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—The Norwegian steamer, Bravore, 1,453 tons, sunk after an explosion off the south-east coast of England today. Twenty of the crew of twenty-four are feared to have lost their lives. The four survivors have landed in a southeast coast port.

MOSCOW, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—M. Molotov received Mr. Togo on Sunday for the second time within three days. It is understood the interview was connected with trade negotiations.

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—The Home Radio states that a new German-Rumanian agreement has been signed in Bucharest by the German representative, Dr. Clodius and the Rumanian Minister of Commerce. The message adds that details will be published in a few days.

BUILDING UP THE AIR FORCE

CHUNGKING, April 23 (Reuter)—A big crowd attended yesterday the inaugural meeting for the Chungking Aviation Reconstruction Publicity Campaign.

Mr. K. C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking, presided at the meeting. Others who spoke included General Mao Fang-chu and the representatives of the Chungking Garrison Headquarters and the Chungking Municipal Government. They all urged the nation to contribute their money and exert efforts to build a strong air force for national defence.

To Relieve Strain

CHIEFS OF STAFFS APPOINTMENTS

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that several changes are being made to relieve the strain upon the Chiefs of Staffs.

General Sir John Dill, who is at present commanding the First Army corps in France, has been appointed to be Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Vice-Admiral Tom, S. V. Phillips and Air Marshal R. E. Peirse, who are at present Deputy Chiefs of the Naval and Air Staffs respectively, have been appointed to be Vice-Chiefs.

WAR CABINET DEPUTIES

The holders of the new posts will be members of the Board of the Admiralty, the Army Council and the Air Council respectively, and will be available to attend the meetings of the War Cabinet at which the Chiefs of Staff are unable to be present.

It is understood that Sir Charles Craven will be a member of the Air Council and will assist Air Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman, who heads the production drive necessitating the starting of new factories and the employment of thousands of more men in aircraft production and the creation of new aerodromes throughout the country.

In this connection it is understood that the Empire Air Training Scheme is coming well up to expectations.

BRUSSELS, April 23 (Reuter)—It is announced that Army leave has been restored "to a certain extent".

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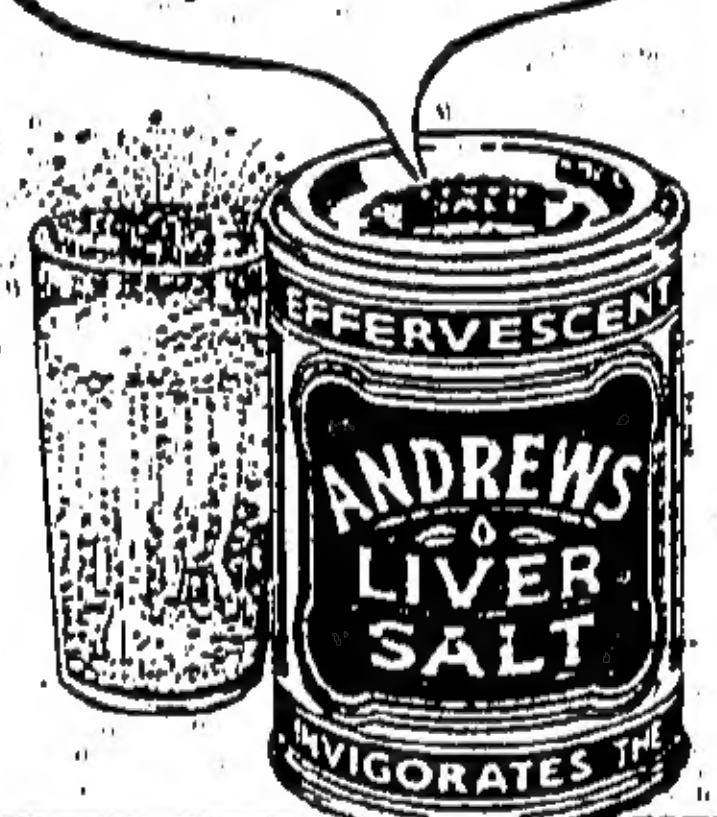
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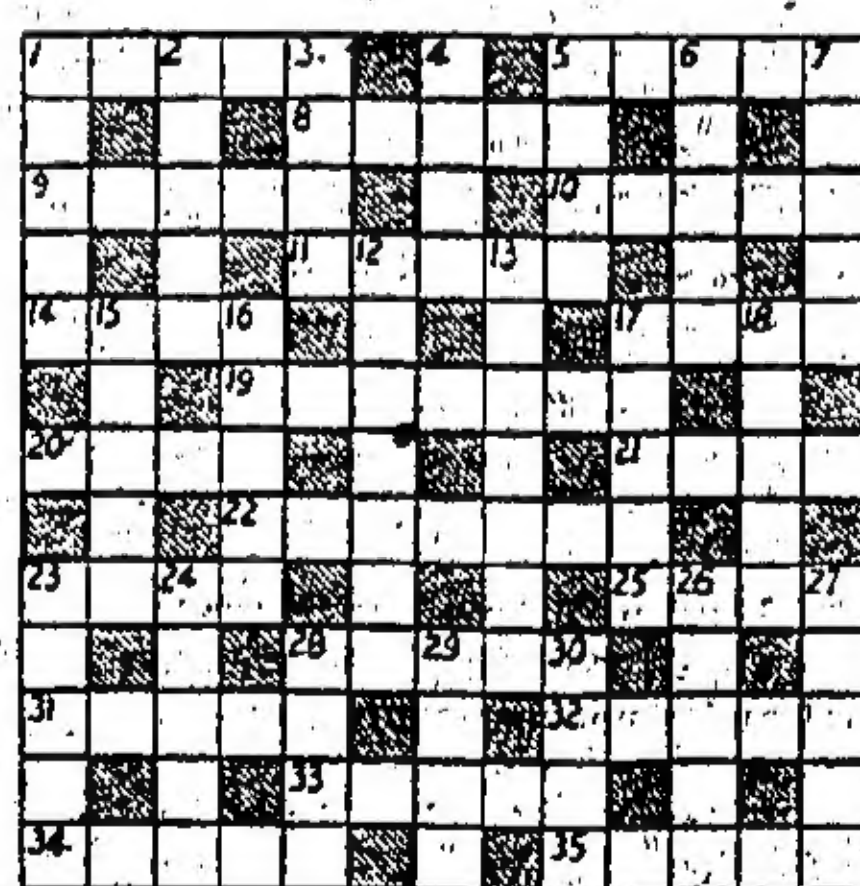
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- 1 Parts of speech



- 2 Animal
- 3 Comfort
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- 5 Earth
- 6 Similar
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DESPITE THE CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES TO A LOCAL SHUTTLE SERVICE, it is pleasing to record an operating surplus of \$128,613.38, states the annual report for 1939 of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section). This result is attributable mainly to the continued use of the railway land for storing cargo consigned to China, which could not be delivered owing to Sino-Japanese hostilities. The strict economy practised throughout the year was another contributory factor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF REGISTRAR

703 COMPANIES IN HONGKONG

Seventy-six Hongkong companies, eight Hongkong Chinese companies, and 25 foreign corporations were registered during the year, the total number of Hongkong companies being 703. Hongkong Chinese companies 130 and foreign corporations 301 at the end of the year, states the annual report of the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

The report adds that 17 companies were in the process of liquidation.

In Original Jurisdiction, 196 actions were instituted during the year 1939 as against 196 in 1938. The claims amounted to \$927,196.24 as against \$1,058,615.63 in 1938.

In Prize, 8 causes were instituted during the year.

In Summary Jurisdiction, 1,420 actions were instituted during the year as against 1,383 in 1938. The claims amounted to \$325,352.88 compared with \$336,104.49 in 1938.

1,538 distrains for rent were issued representing unpaid rents amounting to \$229,370.02 as against 3,040 and \$304,233.87, respectively, in 1938.

The sum of \$232,541.81 was paid into Court on judgments in actions and \$239,055.10 paid out to various judgment creditors.

In Criminal Jurisdiction, 477 persons were committed to Criminal Sessions of whom 381 were convicted.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal: There were 9 appeals against conviction or sentence at the Criminal Sessions.

Magistrates: There were 16 appeals against conviction or sentence.

Civil: There were 8 appeals against judgments of the Supreme Court Judges.

In Admiralty Jurisdiction, four actions were instituted during the year.

In Probate Jurisdiction, 384 Grants (157 Probates and 227 Letters of Administration) were made by the Court. 69 Grants by other British Courts were sealed, making a total of 453 Grants made during the year compared with 509 in 1938. Of the above number of Letters of Administration 2 were grants made to the Official Administrator.

Court fees in respect of all Grants amounted to \$25,658.40 as against \$26,159.00 in 1938.

In Divorce Jurisdiction, 2 new petitions were filed during the year. One decree absolute was made, this petition being pending at the end of the year 1938.

The number of Trust Estates in the hands of the Official Trustee at the end of the year was 19. The invested funds totalled \$128,436.27 and £1,850.00, producing an income (including interest on fixed deposit) of \$10,200.34. One new trust was opened during the year and three trusts were closed.

The amount of commission collected was \$104.90 as against \$532.39 in 1938. Several are charitable trusts and therefore not liable for commission.

During the year 30 deceased estates were taken into the custody of the Official Administrator and the administration of 20 estates was completed. Official Administrator's commission amounted to \$982.32 as against \$3,732.41 in 1938.

Deposits to the total value of \$2,816,000.00 have been made by insurance companies under the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917. \$1,463,500.00 being cash deposits.

Deposits under the Life Insurance Companies Ordinance, 1907, amount to \$1,170,000.00 of which \$201,920.49 consists of cash deposits.

The total of all fees collected is \$128,744.70 as against \$168,821.42 in 1938.

80 Bills of Sale were registered during the year as against 72 in 1938.

The total revenue (fees, commission, etc.), collected during the year amounted to \$249,916.78 compared with \$302,802.00 in 1938.

Receipts and net operating revenue were \$911,046.87 and \$128,613.38, respectively, as against \$1,801,863.32 and \$932,418.48 the previous year. Operating expenditure was \$782,433.49 compared with \$989,464.84 in 1938.

Prospects for the coming year are not particularly bright, the report continues. There appears to be no possibility of resuming through traffic; a marked advance in local passenger receipts is not expected; a fall in earnings from rentals is anticipated, and a considerable rise in expenditure must be faced due to the war in Europe. For these reasons a cautious financial policy will need to be pursued.

ALL-TIME RECORD

The local passenger journeys 1,917,603 which is an all-time record, eclipsing by 403,823 the previous record attained in 1933. It is worthy of record that the year opened auspiciously, the earnings during the first three months amounting to \$209,068 which is the highest figure ever reached in any one quarter.

A considerable amount of work was performed in the early part of the year on behalf of refugees accommodated in railway wagons at certain places on the line.

The report adds that the Capital Account now stands at \$20,752,854.05, having been increased by \$14,995.24 during the year. The total accumulated deficits at the close of the year were \$6,735,070.33.

UPWARD TREND OF H.K. TRADE CONTINUES

The Imports and Exports Department (Statistical Branch), reports that the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the first quarter of 1940, totalled \$350.5 millions (£21.5 millions) as compared with \$246.0 millions (£15.2 millions) in the corresponding period of 1939.

The total visible trade of the Colony increased by 42.5 per cent. in the first quarter of 1940 as compared with the first quarter of 1939 in terms of local currency and by 42.1 per cent. in terms of sterling.

IMPORTS

Imports of merchandise totalled \$198.3 millions (£12.2 millions) in the first quarter of 1940 as compared with \$125.5 millions (£7.8 millions) in the corresponding period of 1939, and exports \$152.2 millions (£9.4 millions) as compared with \$120.5 millions (£7.4 millions).

In terms of local currency imports increased by 58.0 per cent. and exports by 28.3 per cent. In terms of sterling imports increased by 56.4 per cent. and exports by 27.0 per cent.

During the twelve months' period ended March 31, 1940 the total visible trade of the Colony amounted to a value of \$1,232.0 millions (£75.8 millions) as compared with \$1,078.7 millions (£66.7 millions) during the twelve months' period ended March 31, 1939. Imports totalled \$687.0 millions (£41.0 millions) as compared with \$581.6 millions (£36.0 millions); and exports \$550.0 millions (£34.8 millions) as compared with \$497.1 millions (£30.7 millions).

Imports increased by 14.7 per cent. in terms of local currency and by 13.9 per cent. in terms of sterling; whilst exports increased by 13.7 per cent. in terms of local currency and by 13.4 per cent. in terms of sterling.

QUARTERLY VALUES

The following table shows the quarterly values of imports and exports of merchandise since 1938 in £'s and \$'s millions:—

IMPORTS		1938	1939	1940
1st Quarter	£10.0	7.8	12.2	12.2
2nd Quarter	£16.2	12.5	18.3	18.3
3rd Quarter	£18.0	17.5	—	—
4th Quarter	£2.4	8.7	—	—
1st Quarter	£13.5	14.2	—	—
2nd Quarter	£8.7	9.3	—	—
3rd Quarter	£14.0	15.0	—	—

EXPORTS		1938	1939	1940
1st Quarter	£8.4	7.4	9.4	9.4
2nd Quarter	£3.3	9.1	—	—
3rd Quarter	£13.5	14.9	—	—
4th Quarter	£7.9	8.1	—	—
1st Quarter	£12.7	13.2	—	—
2nd Quarter	£7.1	8.1	—	—
3rd Quarter	£11.3	13.0	—	—

EXCHANGE RATES

The following table shows the most important average exchange rates for the first quarter of 1940:—

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
London	1/2H	1/2H	1/2H
France	1085	1085	1083
U.S.A.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2

Father Sells Own Son For Adoption

KOWLOON COURT SENTENCE

Convicted of having taken part in the transaction, for a valuable consideration, of his own son, Chui Kok, 27, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday. Lam Yat, 34, charged also with having taken a part in the transaction, was fined \$25, in default, a month with hard labour.

Mr. G. W. Moreton, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, told the Court that Chui was the father of the two-year-old boy whom he had sold for adoption for \$25. The child was adopted by Chan Sui-lan, a woman, through the S.C.A. It had been taken on the understanding that the child's mother had absconded and Chui could not afford to take care of the boy.

What had actually happened, Mr. Moreton said, was that on Feb. 17 there was a quarrel between Chui and his wife, and the former was told to go away and not return until he found employment. Chui had taken the child and sold it for adoption through a go-between. The second defendant, who acted as go-between, received \$250 for his part in the transaction.

752,854.05, having been increased by \$14,995.24 during the year. The total accumulated deficits at the close of the year were \$6,735,070.33.

MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL ENDS

ACCUSED FOUND NOT GUILTY

Li Kam, paint scraper, charged at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, with the manslaughter of Lee Kam-ho at the Taihang Refugee Camp on Feb. 21, was discharged yesterday after the jury had, without retiring, returned a verdict of Not Guilty.

Li was alleged to have caused the death of Li Kam-ho by hitting him on the head with a bamboo pole. The accused pleaded self-defence. In a statement from the dock yesterday, he said that deceased and another man named Lam assaulted him first. They chased him, and he picked up a pole, turned round and defended himself with it.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Insp. W. N. Darkin. The jury was:—Messrs. R. H. Wild (foreman), Wong Kam-poon, Poon Kai-yeung, J. Harrop, A. R. Kinross, E. C. Hanscomb and Tsoi Pak-hang.

DOCTOR QUESTIONED

At the hearing yesterday, Dr. Y. F. Yip, of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, was closely questioned by the Chief Justice regarding the removal of Lee Kam-ho from the Tung Wah to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Chief Justice:—Dr. Griffith said that when Lee was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital there was no hope of recovery. That was at 5 p.m. Do you say that after the injection, his condition was better?—His condition improved at that moment.

Did you think he had a reasonable chance of recovery?—Not in my opinion.

Why did you allow him to be moved?—In our hospital the only thing we have to do is to render first aid generally, and so long as we do not endanger the life of a patient we would have him transferred. We do not take Police cases.

In other words, since he was dying anyway you sent him to Queen Mary Hospital to die. Is that the policy of the Tung Wah Hospital?—Yes.

POLICE CASES

Dr. C. W. Lam, former medical superintendent of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, said that before the appointment of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee in 1938 the question of police cases was unsatisfactory.

Chief Justice:—The whole thing is left to the medical officer in charge?—Yes.

Don't you think it would have been better to have left the patient where he was?—Yes.

Inspector W. N. Darkin testified that when he arrived at the hospital the doctor told him Lee's condition was very serious but there was no suggestion whatever that it would be unsafe to move him.

His Lordship: Am I entitled to assume that it is the practice of the police to be guided by the medical officer in charge?—We have to be.

Legislative Council

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TOMORROW

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council will be held in the Council Chambers at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow, when the Third Reading of the War Taxation Bill will be moved by the Financial Secretary.

The following is the order of business:

MOTIONS

The Colonial Secretary will move:—That the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 4), dated April 18, 1940, be adopted.

The Attorney General will move the Second and Third readings of—

A Bill to amend the Summary Offences Ordinance, 1932.

A Bill to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911.

A Bill to amend the Fire Investigation Ordinance, 1895.

The Financial Secretary will move the Third reading of—A Bill to impose war taxes and to regulate the collection thereof.

The second and third readings of the Bill to amend the Prevention of Eviction Consolidation and Amendment Ordinance, 1939, will not be proceeded with at this meeting.

STOLE BICYCLES

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday, Lau Chiu-hung, 20, unemployed, who was charged on two counts of the theft of bicycles and Lau Kau, who was accused of receiving and possession of stolen property, were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

A third defendant, Yau-tsoi, who was charged with conspiracy to steal, was discharged. He was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland.

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Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman) presided and others present were Dr. N. C. MacLeod (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arulli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Asst. Secretary).

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Dated the 22nd day of April, 1940.

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 18th June inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

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THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-ninth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Second Floor, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1940, at 11.30 a.m.

The Register of Members will be closed from Monday, the 15th day of April to Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1940, both days inclusive.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on the same date and at the same place at 11.45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the above ordinary Annual Meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution: "That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation of 110,000 additional shares of \$10 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares in the Company."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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JAPAN WARNED AGAIN

ONCE AGAIN Japan has been warned by America. As a matter of fact, no clearer indication of the growing antagonism of American public opinion towards the Japanese has been expressed since Mr. Joseph Grew, President Roosevelt's envoy in Tokyo, frankly told the Japanese Government and its people how wide the gulf between the two countries was becoming unless the Japanese militarists were taught to mend their foolish campaign in China. The warning this time has come from no other source than a former naval authority—Rear-Admiral Tausig—who, since he has held an important post in the American Navy Office, is, perhaps, better qualified to speak of the relative merits of the chances of a clash between American and Japanese naval strengths. His words, however, must not be construed as hastily uttered. He confidently voiced the opinion that if Japan sought to create a diversion in the Far East which would effect American interests, in addition to those of other powers, America would be prepared to either call her bluff—if it proves to be a bluff—or even go to the full extent of using economic and armed pressure to make her desist from such an attempt.

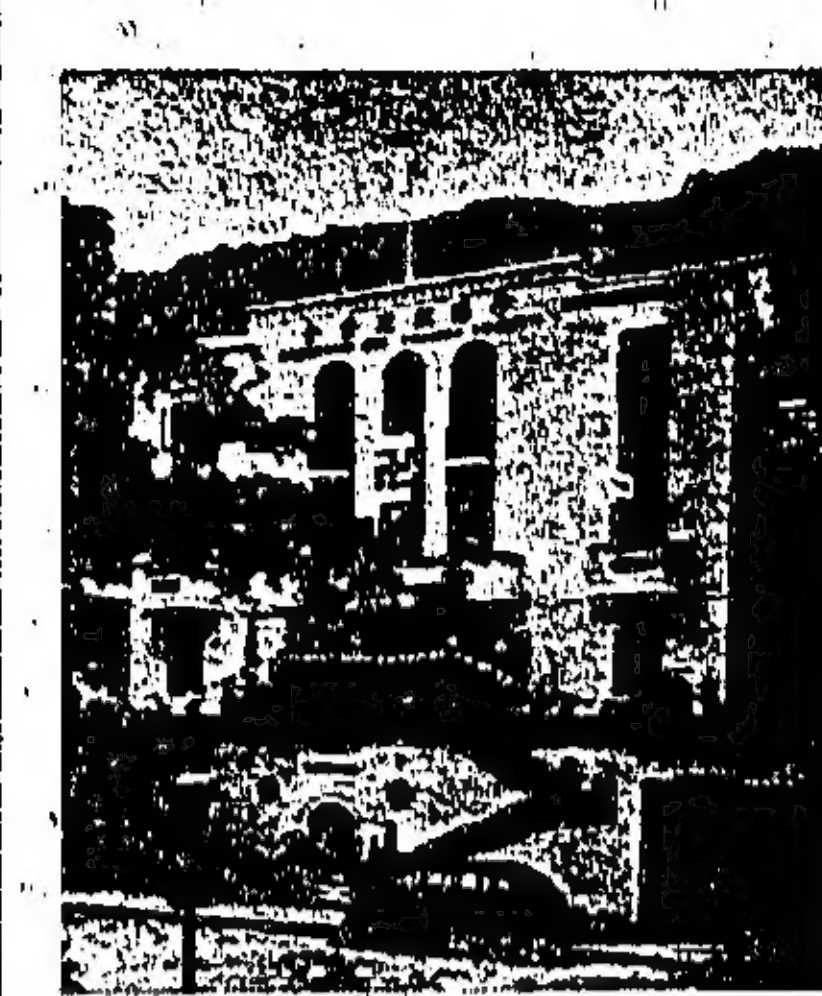
THE RECENT declarations from Tokyo which brought attention to bear on the Far East are symptomatic of the Japanese. Imitation is their forte and, in this instance, they have apparently decided to follow the methods of their Nazi tutor—methods by which they hope to extricate themselves from one difficulty by striking out in another in the sinister manner in which the German aggressor has been doing in the past few years. There is no doubt that Japan's economic position is daily becoming more and more acute. With the outbreak of hostilities in Europe she has found it increasingly difficult to obtain the oil, rubber and tin she needs for "disposing of," as she calls it, the "China Incident." The same temptation to which Herr Hitler yielded to secure his iron ore from Scandinavia is no doubt prompting the Japanese to bring the Netherlands East Indies within the focus of their aggression. Here, if they succeed, will be almost illimitable supplies of the very essentials they so urgently need.

DESPITE their anxiety to replenish their economic position, however, will the Imperialists in Japan now embark on such a crazy adventure which must be doomed to

RED SWASTIKA SOCIETY HEADQUARTERS OPENED

Lady Northcote Presented With Golden Key

"I am sure we all have the welfare of the destitute of China at heart, and I hope that the opening of this building will enable the Red Swastika Society to carry on its good work for many years to come," said Lady Northcote at the formal opening of the Society's new building at Eastern Terrace, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon.



The new Hongkong Red Swastika Society building, in Eastern Terrace which was declared open by Lady Northcote, wife of His Excellency the Governor, yesterday afternoon.

Lady Northcote, who was attended by Capt. Batty Smith, A. D. C., was received by Dr. C. T. Wang and Dr. K. L. Reichelt, Hon. Presidents of the Society and Mr. Shih-hao Lin, the President. She was then accompanied by the president to the main door to perform the opening ceremony, which she did with a golden key, and then declared the building open. The key was later presented to her as a souvenir of the occasion.

The gathering then assembled in the main hall where the president's report was read, after which a group photograph was taken and tea was served. Among those on the dais with Lady Northcote, Drs. C. T. Wang and K. L. Reichelt and Mr. Shih-hao Lin were the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn Clarke, and Mrs. Selwyn Clarke, Miss Phyllis Harrop, Lady Assistant to the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs Mr. Tsai Po-tin and other officials of the Society.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The president's report was as follows:—

The Red Swastika Society is purely a charitable organization, non-political and with no discrimination of nationality. Its members assume the responsibilities placed upon them by the

fall even more completely than their aggression in China? Political observers appear to hold the view that the statements of their official spokesmen were primarily intended to test the reaction to such action by third powers. If this is what the Japanese wanted to find out, they have had a prompt answer. And what is more, with this answer has come the declared determination of the democracies to see to it that the integrity of China is preserved for all time. Late though the realization has come, the world today—barring of course, the totalitarian conspirators—understands more clearly than ever that if peace and order is to be preserved in the Orient, the independence, liberty and full sovereignty of the Chinese nation must not be tampered with on any pretext. The Japanese promises as far as their future attitude towards the Chinese people, if their present peace diplomacy is allowed to end the hostilities, have been, and always will be, discarded as worthless as similar platitudes which have fallen from the German Fuehrer. The Chinese resistance, therefore, must receive every support, particularly at this time, when not only their own interests, but those of the other powers in the Far East are being menaced. Now that the American intention in the event of any further upheaval in the Far East has been enunciated, there is every reason to believe that the other powers will take a similar stand and form a new front in the Orient against a ruthless aggressor.

It is interesting for you to know that those who come from North and Central China have since long seen with their own eyes the work of the Red Swastika Society, which reflects on them both its firm historical background and its brilliant record as a relief organization.

IMPRESSED BY WORK

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Society to do all in their efforts for the promotion of social welfare. The scope of its relief work falls into two categories:—

A. Permanent relief work, such as the establishment of hospitals, schools, baby clinics, orthopaedic centres, factories for the poor, agricultural and industrial loans, and other undertakings for the caring of those in distress.

B. Temporary Relief work, such as medical relief, sheltering, repatriating, curative, burial, financial aid and free congee distribution.

WORK OF THE SOCIETY

With the situation in South China becoming critical some two years ago, the Red Swastika Society began to find itself overwhelmed with relief work to be carried on in such nearby districts as Hongkong and Macao, and such other districts as Shum Chun, Swatow, Chao-ang, and Nan-ngo of Kwangtung, Kwelling, Ping-yang, and Liu-chow of Kwangsi, and Changsha, Heng-yang, Yuen-lin, and Chang-teh of Hunan.

To simplify my report, only our relief work in Hongkong and Shum Chun will be dealt with today.

In the latter part of November, 1938, when the situation in Wei-yang and Tam-shui was critical, no less than ten thousand refugees were pouring into New Territories. It was at this juncture camps were opened at Un-long and Ping-shan by the Red Swastika Society, working in conjunction with the Consolidated South China Refugees Relief Association.

REMOVED TO SHUM CHUN

On Jan. 29, 1939, these refugees were moved to Shum Chun, at our sole disposal. Subsequently, in Feb. and Aug. of the same year, they were twice evacuated from Shum Chun to Cha-Hang for the sake of safety. In both instances, the Hongkong Government gave us liberally sheds and wagons to accommodate these refugees. We were also given guide and assistance by the Hon. Director of Medical Services.

In our camps at Shum Chun and Cha-Hang, we had an educational division to educate the children, and a medical division to extend treatment to the diseased. Besides, we had ambulance and burial units to take care of the wounded and the dead.

When Shum Chun and the Lung Kong Highway were bombed, these two units worked hard to bring the wounded to immediate medical aid, the more severe cases being handed by the Kwong Wah Hospital at Kowloon. Dead bodies were buried with supplied coffins from this Society.

REVIEW OF ORPHANAGE

Our Orphanage is located at Ping-Shan Village, New Territories. Most of the boy and girl refugees come from our camp at Cha-Hang, with additional ones sent in from time to time.

There are now sixty-three boys and girls whose garments, books, and food are supplied by this Society. Aside from the routine curriculum, they are trained for farming, gardening and light industry in order to be enabled to get a living after their graduation.

DR. C. T. WANG'S SPEECH

Dr. C. T. Wang, addressing the gathering, said:—

We feel much honoured with the presence of Lady Northcote at the opening of this new edifice of our Society, and I wish to thank you all for your presence today.

Our President, Mr. Lin, has just made to you a full and complete report of our doings during the past two years. I take pleasure in supplementing his report with a few remarks.

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CANDID — COMMENTS

(BY G.W.S.)

I have often wondered why Racing is termed "The Sport of Kings" except that it caters for the wealthy in England and gives an excuse to the Poor to have an innocent flutter. After all it is well controlled gambling and as such is preferable to any other method of losing money.

Racing here is not a rich man's past-time and it is strange that more enthusiastic Racegoers of modest means do not combine to get an Australian or China Subscription Griffin (when the latter are available) as the expense is negligible and the chance of financial recompense fairly good with the added interest and pride of ownership. The Hongkong Jockey Club is run with amazing efficiency and one has to know a little about racing to fully appreciate the many difficulties to be overcome in providing the public with such excellent fare.

It is a pity the local Hongkong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament has been so dull this year and no new talent discovered. However, since the War is on we must consider ourselves fortunate in being able to indulge freely in organised games although our young men have to devote some of their leisure to Volunteer and Naval duties. It is in the British nature to grumble but when one hears some of our local "Temporaries" grumbling about their Naval duties the thought of a winter in the North Sea makes Hongkong a Naval paradise.

Talking of the War I think it will be over before next Spring for the following reasons:—

I. In 1914 Germany had an excellent Navy but she started the present conflict greatly inferior to us in this respect and we have recently crippled her so badly that her Navy can be almost written off as a virile fighting force.

II. In the last War we did not start the blockade until 1918 whereas in the present conflict our activities commenced immediately War broke out with the added advantage of the experience previously gained.

III. Germany has not the same spirit of unity today that she had in 1914 nor the same leadership or morale.

IV. The people are living on the legend that "The Fuehrer is always right" and we are gradually proving him wrong. He is an anti-semitist, anti-Christ and anti-Libertyist; an indifferent house painter with the sole of a sadist. Yet this is the stuff on which the people are fed:—

"You, whom God sent to the Germans."

Great Solitary man.

Whom they neglected too long.

Until far too late.

They made you their Leader.

To their heart's content.

Duke of the Germans.

Saviour of our Reich.

And of everyone of the People."

(Heinrich Zille).

IT CERTAINLY IS HEROIC STARVATION.

Goldsmith said "Ridicule has even been the most powerful enemy of misguided enthusiasm and the only antagonist that can be opposed to it with success." (Propagandists please note!)

At one of the very few banquets given by Hitler he sat next to the Swiss Minister of Marine. He said "Why on earth does Switzerland want a Minister of Marine to which the latter replied 'Well Sir, after all, Italy has a Minister of Finance'."

greatly impressed by the work of our Society.

Here and there, people were convinced of our enthusiasm and devotion to duty as relief workers. The numerous relief groups that were then despatched to such other places as Swatow of Kwangtung, Kwelling of Kwangsi, and Hengyang, Changsha and Yuenling of Hunan served to deepen the public confidence in South China of our relief efforts.

It is, of course, clear to everybody that our Society is purely a charitable organization, though perhaps few are aware of the fact that it is an inter-religious organization. As an inter-religious organization, therefore, there is no need to point out that there is no discrimination between the nature of the Red Swastika Society and all the five Religions of the world, namely, a firm belief in our work for the good of others.

The work of the Red Swastika is divided into two main groups—the temporary and the permanent. To the first go all the work relative to war, flood and famine relief. On the permanent side, we establish hospitals, orphanages and schools for the poor.

Difficult Position Faced By 111 Free Schools: Petition To Authorities

The difficult position faced by 111 free schools maintained by 33 individuals and organisations, in view of the enforcement of the new Government regulations relating to school accommodation, was explained by Mr. Chan Lan-fong, chairman of the Confucian Society, at a reception given to the press at the Kwong Chow Restaurant yesterday.

The organisers and supporters of the 111 free schools have jointly petitioned the authorities to reconsider their decision, the strict enforcement of which would greatly handicap children of the poorer classes, who cannot afford to pay for the education of their children.

In the present condition, states the petition, the free schools of the Colony are capable of accommodating only a part of the poor children requiring education, and a large number has to be denied admission.

Since the outbreak of hostilities in China, and with the consequent influx of refugees to Hongkong, the number of children devoid of education has been greatly augmented.

While the Government and the people are now very enthusiastic in devising means of solving the problem of educating the poor children, the proclamation of the regulations has placed us in an embarrassed position.

As the new regulations affect the free schools to such an extent, we feel it necessary to appeal to you to introduce some amendment of such regulations or defer the enforcement of the same until such time as the condition of the Colony will warrant such enforcement, the reasons being the following:—

CANNOT AFFORD

The students attending our schools are all children of the poorer classes who cannot afford to send their children to schools where fees have to be paid. The new restrictions will result in a great number of children being sent away from schools. Basing on the present number of our schools, namely about 7500, the number of students who would be shut out of school by the new regulations will be about 2500 to which has to be added the number deprived of education by the closing down of some of the schools due to lack of finance to cope with the requirements of the new regulations.

It may be suggested that more free schools should be established

and Germany has a Minister of Justice."

And talking of Italy its about time we strongly questioned her existing hostile attitude towards us. I believe it is superficial and that the King and the right minded people in Italy are with us but Mussolini wants to stay with the Dictators and keep his power but this won't work and the sooner he realises it the better."

When peace is concluded I would like to see the American President persuade some of his compatriots to settle in Germany for the express purpose of debunking the German People and proving the stupidity of heel clicking, goose stepping and silly regimentation. I cannot imagine such things happening in America although the latter do provide us with a lot of harmless fun.

Before closing down I would like to ask if there is anything funny in the story of a couple interviewing a very snappy looking applicant for the position of amah who on being questioned as to her qualifications for the job replied that she "B'long Gentleman's Amah."

French Step Explained

ACTION AGAINST COMMUNISTS

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Why France simply had to adopt the measures she has adopted against Communists is explained in a letter to the British Labour Party from the secretary of the French Socialist Party.

Many former Communist Deputies are now in prison in France for violating the decree of last September, making the Communist Party illegal. In his letter the French Socialist Secretary emphasizes what many people elsewhere do not realise—the magnitude of the communist danger to France's war effort.

CLEAR ISSUE

The severity of the measures is commensurate with the dangers they are designed to meet, he says. The Communist Party had made itself the mouth-piece of a foreign government which is an associate and accomplice of the country at war with France.

to accommodate the excess of students. However, not to mention the fact that the question of finance is not an easy one to solve, it is, nowadays, very difficult to procure available premises for the purpose of increasing the number of free schools.

The object of the requirements of the new Regulations is no doubt to improve the sanitation of the school premises so as to enable the school children to study in healthy and hygienic surroundings and to prevent infection as efficiently as possible during the epidemic seasons. Now if a large portion of these students is driven away from the schools they will have either to remain in the foul atmosphere found in their humble homes or to stroll in the streets thus exposing themselves to various causes of infection.

The homes of most of the students attending free schools are very crowded and full of filthy air, and the free schools under the existing condition are much better and healthier places than their homes.

They are, therefore, better off in having an opportunity of going to school for 6 hours daily. By enforcing the new Regulations it may be possible to improve the health of some of the students to a certain extent, but it may have the result of creating too large a number of unhealthy and uneducated children to the detriment of the Colony.

SIGNATORIES

The signatories to the petition are:—

Chan Lan Fong, Chairman of the Confucian Society; F. I. Tsung, manager of free school for the Chinese Merchants Assn.; T. N. Chau, manager of the Free School of the General Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Tung Kun District; Yeung Wing Man, manager of school for the Chinese Moslem Society; Miss Pun Wai Yung, manager of school for the Tung Lin Kok Yuen; Li Yiu Cheung, manager of Tung Wah group of Free Schools; Fung Ki Cheuk, manager of 5 free schools; Cheung Kam Chuen, Fan Soon (Sailing Vessels) free school; Wong Pun Po, manager of free schools for the Lok Sin Charitable Institution, Kowloon; Mow Wai Tak, manager of free schools for the True Christian Religion; Ho Sing Chow, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of the Shun Tak District; Wong Kam Fan, manager of free schools, for the Kowloon Confucian Society; Mok Hing, manager of the South China Athletic Assn. Free School; Chan Kuk Yee, manager of free schools of the Nan Yang Bros. Tob. Co., Ltd.; Chan Po Shu, manager of schools of the Chamber of Commerce of the Tsang Sing District; Tam Wing Kwong, manager of free schools for the Chung Sing Benevolent Society;

Yeung Ngok Fai, manager of schools for the Nam Hoi District; Cheong Lan Chau, manager of schools for the Chamber of Commerce of the San Wai District; Lim Poo Tien, manager of schools for the Shung Ching Association; Mo Kwan To, manager of schools for the Salt Fish Guild; Cheung Luk, manager of schools for the Tung Tak Assn.; Mak Tang, manager of schools for the Fresh Fish Guild; Ho Tsok Hin, manager of schools for the Yan Ping Commercial and Industrial Assn.; Leung Tak, manager of schools for the Fruit and Vegetable Guild; Chan Tit Yat, manager of schools for the Chamber of Commerce of the Pun Yu District; Chan Yik Shu, manager of schools of the Chambers of Commerce of the Coal Merchants Guild; Hung Yuk Ming, manager of school for the Chambers of the Chung Shan District; Chan Shui Sam, manager of schools for the Chambers of Commerce of the Fokien; Li Sau Nam, manager of schools of the Butchers' Guild; Fung Ping Kau, manager of Tin Yin Tze Orphans School; Tam Tak Sang, manager of schools for the Hungghom Community; Chan Yiu Choy, manager of schools for the Chuen Oi Assn. of the Electric Tram Co.; Tsang Sui Chi, manager of the Poor Children Free Schools.

HEAVY FIRE ROUND PARIS

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Heavy anti-aircraft fire was heard all round the city between midnight and 3 a.m. in the morning.

The whirr of aeroplane engines was distinctly perceptible between the barking of the guns. No alarm was sounded and no casualties are yet reported.

JAPAN'S PROMISES "ARE WORTHLESS": AMERICA MIGHT BE FORCED INTO WAR

Naval Expert Sounds Warning

WASHINGTON, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Declaring that Japan's promises in international relations "are worthless" and that Japan is "seeking to impose her culture on the world by force," Rear-Admiral Taussig, former Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee, stated that the trend of developments in the Far East might eventually force the United States into war against Japan.

Asserting that he was expressing only his own view point, Rear-Admiral Taussig said: "We would have warranted the use of economic and financial means, and if necessary force, to preserve the integrity of China," adding that even if Japan had conquered China she would still lack essentials such as oil, rubber and tin.

SOON THEY WILL HAVE THE WHOLE BRITISH FLEET!

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—No less than ninety British naval vessels have been sunk, damaged or captured during the past twelve days, claims the German High Command. The same source claims that on Sunday night German troops captured Lillehammer on the railway from the coast to the Allied troops on the Hamar-Elverum front.

MURDER TRIAL AT SESSIONS

BEAN HAWKER ON CAPITAL CHARGE

Lam Cheung-hing, 25-year-old bean sprouts hawk of Hunghom, charged with the murder of Lam Hing on January 29, was arraigned before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell yesterday.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, and Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy appeared for the Crown and the defence, respectively. Det.-Insp. L. R. Whant assisted Mr. Murphy, whilst Mr. Somerset Fitzroy was instructed by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon.

The following jurymen were called:—Messrs. T. B. Williams (Foreman), Chung Kam-tong, L. A. Dabelstein, E. R. Butcher, H. Mok, A. Demee and Wong Shun-him.

Mr. Murphy said accused and deceased were clansmen and at one time lived together at No. 8 Gillie Avenue, Hunghom, where accused had a bean sprouts and bean curd stall. They had been on very friendly terms.

TRIVIAL QUARREL

The murder arose out of what appeared to be a trivial quarrel over accused's stock-in-trade.

On January 29 the deceased took away two earthenware jars. This was objected to by the accused, who said he had only sold his business but not the stock-in-trade.

After an exchange of words, they came to blows.

Evidence was given by Chan Chiu-yung, wife of the deceased, and other witnesses.

Asked by the Pulse Judge why the removal of the two jars, a perfectly trivial occurrence, should have made accused so angry, as alleged, Chan Chiu-yung said she could not explain.

Lance Sgt. Ho Sang, who arrested accused, said that before he could caution the prisoner at the time of the arrest, Lam made a statement, "I did stab him to death. If it were not so you would not arrest me."

Hearing will be resumed today.

Allied - German Naval Losses Are Compared

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—German naval casualties since the outbreak of the war total 24, without including the large number of submarines sunk by Allied action.

In the same period Britain has lost 18 warships, including five submarines and an armed merchant cruiser, the Rawalpindi. One capital ship has been lost out of 15 such ships completed before the beginning of the war. One aircraft-carrier, out of seven, has been lost, but no cruisers have been lost.

It is added that even if Germany had suffered no naval losses, the vast preponderance of the naval force possessed by Great Britain over Germany would scarcely have been affected by these losses.

PRESS ATTACKS KING HAAKON

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Last vestiges of the German claims that they are protecting Norway are fading from the German press.

AIR RAID ALARM IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Apr. 23 (Central)—For the second time yesterday the air raid alarm was sounded here at 5.45 p.m. when three Japanese bombing squadrons of 10 machines each were reported over Shasi and Tienkiang in Hupei heading for the west.

The aircraft raided an undisclosed place, dropping many bombs, but failed to reach Chungking. The "all clear" was given at 11 p.m.

NO PARTIES IN NORWAY NOW

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—The Allied Governments have taken vigorous action for a battle to be fought on Norwegian soil, declared the Norwegian Minister in London in a broadcast.

NO FEAR OF QUISLINGS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Dearth Of Official News From Norwegian Front

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—The dearth of official news from Norway gives little scope for the British press for comment, and most of the leading articles abstain from discussing the main topic.

Russia, Italy, the "Fifth Column" and imperialism are discussed, but not Norway. The Times sums up the difficulties about "getting a complete picture of what is happening in Norway in a leader entitled "Waiting For News."

Waiting for vital news is not easy. Waiting is always necessary and until the issue is decided or the situation clarified, information cannot be put out without profiting the enemy.

NOT AUTHENTIC REPORTS

In Norway it is not possible to withhold news to the extent which may be desirable. Reports get across the frontier into neutral Sweden, but the Times warns that much of the reports from Sweden have not been altogether reliable in the past, and it would be unwise to place complete confidence on what is coming through now.

We may think we have enough material for putting together a general outline, but it is possible that important gaps are not filled or the importance of some of the details, supplied exceed reality. If people are eagerly waiting for news, the Times concludes, they are doing so in a spirit of calm feeling that this crisis has been competently and rapidly met.

THEY ARE SO STUPID

The News Chronicle does not think much of the would-be Quislings in Britain. Discussing the agitation in certain quarters about the possibility of the "Fifth Column" in Britain, the paper takes the view that the Communists are being so stupid that they can quite safely be left at liberty to complete the ruin of what reputation remains of them.

Resistance By Norwegians

GERMANS MAKE ADMISSION

BERLIN, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—The Official News Agency in a commentary on the High Command communiqué, mentions there was violent Norwegian resistance north of Oslo but says that the resistance was "fruitless and was broken with bloody losses for the enemy."

POSITIONS STORMED

It claims that the fortified positions on the heights of Lindhaegde were stormed after bitter fighting. The Agency adds that mopping up of Norwegian patrols around Slangerup is continued, and describing the air raid on Mamsos says that the bombardment of the British positions lasted six hours. German aircraft attacked continuously in successive waves but the "number killed could not be ascertained." The railway station was completely destroyed.

GERMANY RECALLS HER TROOPS

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23 (Reuter)—Reports received last evening indicate that the Germans have been recalling their troops along the railway linking Narvik with Swedish mines.

The force posted at Bjørnli, near the Swedish frontier, is reported to be cut off. Its position is regarded as hopeless, and the force is expected eventually to cross the Swedish border.

MINE-LAYING PLANES

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that a number of enemy aircraft appeared off the east and southeast coasts on Monday night, apparently attempting to lay mines in the approaches to the Thames and Humber estuaries. Anti-aircraft batteries and naval units opened fire at several points and fighters were sent up.

NEUTRAL COUNTRIES STANDING UP TO GERMAN DEMANDS

BUCHAREST, APR. 23 (REUTER)—SIGNS THAT NEUTRAL COUNTRIES ARE STANDING UP TO German demands are reflected in the new trade agreement signed between Rumania and Germany.

The German trade mission which has been in Bucharest for some time had been trying to drive the hardest possible bargain but the Rumanians refused the two main demands. One was for more petrol exports to Germany but the same figure of 130,000 tons monthly has been maintained.

LESS THAN ONE-THIRD

In any case during the first six months of the war, Germany and Czechoslovakia received only 383,000 tons which is less than one-third the maximum provided by the agreement.

NANCHANG THE CENTRE OF SHARP FIGHTING

CRACK CHINESE TROOPS IN ACTION AGAINST JAPANESE

CHUNGKING, April 23 (Central)—Reports from Kiangsi indicate that sharp fighting continues around Nanchang, the fallen Kiangsi capital.

The Japanese who evacuated Anyi, 20 miles northwest of Nanchang, on Sunday night, fled in a northerly direction. Intercepted, they turned eastward yesterday morning and joined up with Japanese reinforcements from Nanchang at Wanchiaow and Hsuechiaow. Fighting has broken out at these two points.

Meanwhile, crack Chinese units have made a detour to Nihuang station, opposite Nanchang, subjecting the place to a severe attack.

ARMS CAPTURED

Chinese troops had a chance encounter with 400 Japanese at Fengmulin, six miles southwest of Changkungu on the Siu River in north Kiangsi, on Sunday morning. They repulsed the enemy and captured a quantity of arms and ammunition.

Three Japanese gunboats and a number of armed launches steamed to Luchuehsin on the eastern bank of the Tungting Lake in north Hunan, about 20 miles south of Yoyang, on April 17, and shelled the shore positions. A gun duel ensued, and one of the enemy gunboats was severely damaged.

STREET FIGHTING

Sabotage work by Chinese guerrilla bands along the Nanking-Hangchow highway continues, according to a dispatch from Kin-hwa, Chekiang. On April 18 they damaged the highway at Pellushan (White Deer Hill) and tore down many telephone wires. On April 17 they smashed into San-kaofow and challenged the Japanese to street fighting. Japanese military headquarters and bogus government offices were wrecked.

On April 16 a Japanese motor car going along the Soochow-Kashing Railway was attacked by Chinese guerrillas. A Japanese officer and three gendarmes were killed and three rifles seized by the guerrillas.

BUDGET

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Tobacco produced £9,765,000 pounds more revenue than his advisers expected despite the increased tax: spirits £1,700,000 more; sugar £4,600,000 more; beer £750,000 more but the most striking case of unexpected yield was furnished by motor vehicle duty. When he ventured to increase the licence duty on private motorcars to 25 shillings per horse-power, Sir John estimated the tax would yield £22,000,000. In fact, duties produced £34,000,000.

Sir John Simon emphasised they had preserved the revenue while they had discouraged the luxury of motoring.

Net receipts from the Post Office, however, did not exceed the September estimate.

Summing up, Sir John said they spent £1,817,000,000 and found it out of the revenue of £1,049,000,000. They borrowed the rest, namely £768,000,000. In September he indicated they might have had to borrow last year £938,000,000. The position thus was a good deal better than might have expected.

"GRAVER PROBLEM"

Before going on to deal with the "much graver problem of the immediate future," Sir John Simon revealed the National Debt had increased from £8,163,000,000 at the beginning of the year to £8,931,000,000 on Mar. 31. He said they were forced seek authority for expenditure at intervals during the year by a succession of votes of credit and these votes of credit were for round sums which, on the ground of public interest, would not distinguish completely between one service and the other and which would not allow the enemy to know whether they were building new ships or increasing the number of aircraft.

The first vote of credit for this year was for £700,000,000 which was authorised on Mar. 13 but it was extremely difficult to estimate what would be needed for the full twelve months.

In the first seven months of the war expenditure for war purposes amounted to £505,000,000. On that basis, something over £1,500,000,000 would be proportionate for twelve months but that would not be right because the rate of war expenditure was increasing and must increase and, indeed, ought to increase. He, therefore, was going to assume that what would be needed by Mar. 31 next for war purposes would be £2,000,000,000.

CIVIL ESTIMATES

Sir John said he must add to the £2,000,000,000 provision for Consolidated Fund Service and Civil Estimates already presented. The total to be provided for the Consolidated Fund Service would be £247,000,000 while the total of ordinary estimates for Civil Supply Services, including the cost of civil defence, was £420,000,000. Adding all these figures together, Sir John said he arrived at £2,667,000,000 as expenditure to be provided for the present year.

The question of economy in public expenditure was a matter constantly in the minds of every serious person in the country. The people in the country, said Sir John, would be ready, for the sake of victory, to accept the burdens of this budget with as little complaint as possible provided they were satisfied every effort was being made to reduce waste and to see they were paying away no more than they needed.

"Big as is this sum for which I have provided, I assure the House it would have been substantially greater had it not been for the largely successful efforts in the different departments to keep expenditure down. I regard it as a valuable contribution towards financing and winning the war if, not only the Ministers and officials, but the public continue, all they can, to reduce outlay," concluded Sir John.

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Commands and Staff
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Mr. Paul C. Cheng, now at the University of Cincinnati, was recently appointed professor of the National Institute of Technology, Kaiting, Szechuan. Early in June he expects to leave for China, and reports that he is looking forward to seeing some of the many Yenching alumni scattered throughout Yunnan, Kweichow, Chungking, and Chengtu.

Dr. William Winston Pettus, Yale 1933, and Yale Medical 1937, has just been appointed to the staff of the Hsiao Ya Hospital in Changsha. Dr. Pettus is at present completing a special course in training and practice at the Presbyterian Hospital and Medical Centre in New York City. He is a trained surgeon and was born in China.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

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WEDDING AT
REGISTRY

The wedding took place yester-
day at the Registry, Supreme Court,
of Mr. Kwan Chi-nin, son of the
late Mr. Kwan Cheuk-chen, for-
merly well-known in Hongkong
commercial circles, and Miss Hui
Hui-fang.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar
of Marriages, officiated. The wit-
nesses were Messrs. Fung Kong-
un and Kan Koan-tung.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The forthcoming marriages are
announced of Mr. Trinh Xung,
teacher, of No. 4 Rue d'Ayat,
Saigon, and Miss Tan Po-tung, of
No. 41B Conduit Road, and Mr.
Tsang Lee-cheung, civil servant
of the Chinese National Govern-
ment, residing at No. 173 Wong-
nelchong Road, first floor, and Miss
Leung Wai-suen, of No. 1 Sul Wa
Fong first floor.

Flight Officer H. A. Innes,
younger son of Colonel S. Innes
944, Mrs. Innes, Fairmount, Perth,
who was awarded the D.F.C. last
month, has been killed in a flying
accident in England.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT,
HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.
(CONTINUED FROM SATURDAY)

QUALIFICATION—MUSKETRY

The under-mentioned have
classified as Marksmen (Rifle) and
are entitled to wear the prescrib-
ed badge.

Field Company Engineers: Sgt.
J. G. Bailey, L/Cpl. T. A. Warnes,
Corps Signals: Pte. W. Eu, Pte.
N. J. Booker.

Mobile Column—Armoured Car
Platoon: Sgt. G. E. R. Divett, Cpl.
J. H. Fox, L/C. M. G. Carruthers,
L/C. K. Crawford, L/C. J. Chao,
Pte. D. W. Beeken, C.S.M. F. Brett,
Pte. H. H. Andrews, Pte. L. A. Gib-
son, Pte. C. D. N. Walker, Pte. J.
E. Tocher.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon:
Sgt. F. H. Neale, Pte. R. B. Quin-
lan, Sgt. A. I. Cash.

No. 1 Company: Cpl. V. M.
Hammond, Sgt. R. Edwards, Pte.
G. H. Aman, Pte. W. M. Groves.

No. 2 Company: P/Major W. C.
K. Mackie, C.Q.M.S. J. C. Polson,
Sgt. T. F. Stainton, Sgt. T. Swan,
Sgt. A. K. McKenzie, Pte. W. C.
Tillery, Pte. W. K. Mackie, Pte. G.
A. Leiper, Pte. C. S. M. Thom, Pte.
E. Curtis.

No. 3 Company: Sgt. V. H.
White, Cpl. F. C. C. Quah, L/Cpl.
N. Broadbridge, L/Cpl. N. A. E.
Mackay, Pte. A. Lim, Pte. S. B.
Izatt, Pte. S. L. Wong, Pte. N.
Jaffer.

No. 5 Company: Pte. G. N.
Gosano.

No. 6 Company: C.S.M. M. F.
Baptista, Sgt. J. P. Baleros, Cpl.
J. C. Remedios, L/Cpl. A. D'Al-
quino, L/Cpl. A. P. Pereira, L/Cpl.
J. O. Sequeira, Pte. R. M. B.
Gutierrez, Pte. R. D. Silva, Pte. G.
A. Ribeiro, Pte. E. A. V. Remedios,
Pte. R. M. Silva, Pte. F. G. Ribeiro,
Pte. C. F. Remedios.

No. 7 Company: Sgt. H. L.
Lockhart, L/Cpl. J. Lee.
A.S.C. Company: Sgt. G. H.
Cuthill, Pte. J. B. Kooter, L/Cpl.
W. Hyde.

QUALIFICATION—DEL.

The following members of 2nd
Battery passed a practical
examination on 11/3/40 in De-
fence Electric Lights and are qual-
ified to act as S.L.O. and Engine
Driver (Crosley): 3019, Gnr. R.
C. Beavan, 4255, Gnr. V. Tesar.

Kowloon City Range

May 5, M.G. Casuals. Mobile
Column, No. 1 Coy. and No. 5
Coy.

PARADES

Corps Artillery

1st Battery

Apr. 24, Belchers, 5.45 p.m. Lec-
ture by Lieut. (D.O.) W. Squires,
R.A. All members should attend.
Dress—Overalls.

Apr. 24, Wellington Barracks,
5.30 p.m. DEL. Section. Dress—
Overalls.

2nd Battery

Apr. 28, Peak Range, 8.30 a.m.
Table A for all O.R.s. who have not
yet fired.
All those who have not return-
ed rifles drawn for the shooting
on April 7 and 14 must do so im-
mediately.

3rd Battery

Apr. 25, Queen's Pier, 5.15 p.m.
for Aberdeen returning 10 p.m.
Dress—K.D. jackets, trousers, S.D.
caps, boots, web belt, water-bot-
tle (filled). Overalls and G.P.
shoes to be carried. Haversack
rations will be provided.

4th Battery

Apr. 26, Queen's Pier, 5.30 p.m.
Returning 8 p.m. All No. 2 Gun.
"B" relief B.C. Staff, "A" relief
DEL. personnel. Dress S.D. cap,
jacket, trousers, web belt and
boots (Overalls and G.P. shoes to be
carried).

5th A.A. Battery

Apr. 15, Queen's Pier, 5.15 p.m.
No. 2 Section. Dress—Overalls.
Apr. 25, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. No. 1
Section. Musketry. Dress—Over-
alls.

Field Company Engineers

Apr. 25, K.C.R., 5.30 p.m. Lec-
ture by Lt. Hilton R.E. "Modern
Bridge Technique."

Corps Signals

Apr. 24, H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Special
class of instruction.

Apr. 26, H.Q., 5.15 p.m. Signal
training.

Mobile Column

Armoured Car Platoon.
Apr. 26, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. All
Classes. Anti-Gas training.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
Apr. 26, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s
Class.

No. 1 Company

Apr. 26, No. 7 Squad H.Q., 5.15
p.m. for Kennedy Road. Re-
mains, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. as Com-
pany programme.

No. 2 Company

Apr. 25, No. 8 Platoon, Kowloon
Dock, 5.30 p.m. M.G. training. No.
7 Platoon, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Train-

ing programme parade No. 2. Belt
and frog to be worn.

No. 3 Company

Apr. 25, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. Training
in Company training pro-
gramme.

No. 4 Company

Apr. 26, H.Q., 5.30 p.m. L.G. Les-
son 14.

No. 7 Company

Apr. 26, Kowloon City Range.
L.G. Classification Table D. All
men not yet classified will fire.

Army Service Corps Company

Apr. 25, Kowloon Bus Company's
Garage, Castle Peak Road, 5.30
p.m. Transport Section. Lecture.
Dress—Mutil. Transport as usual.

Apr. 26, 23, inclusive, R.A.S.C.
Camp. Volunteer Officers and
N.C.O.'s attached for training
purposes. Details will be issued
later.

Field Ambulance

Apr. 26, St. Paul's College, 5.30
p.m. Lecture.

Pay Section

Apr. 26, Command H.Q., 5.30
p.m. N.C.O.'s detailed by O.C.
Unit. Practical work on Soldiers'
accounts.

PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Bdr. G. L. Eastgate, 3rd Bty. to
be Sgt., 19/4/40.

Bdr. D. J. Leonard, 3rd Bty. to
be Lt./Sgt., 19/4/40.

Bdr. A. Hussain, 3rd Bty. to be
Lt./Sgt., 19/4/40.

Cpl. J. H. Fox, Arm'd. Cpl. to be
Sgt., 20/4/40.

L/Cpl. M. A. Cairns, Mob. Col.
H.Q. to be Corpl., 20/4/40.

L/Cpl. L. A. Hurlow, Mob. Col.
H.Q. to be Corpl., 20/4/40.

L/Cpl. K. Crawford, Mob. Col.
H.Q. to be Corpl., 20/4/40.

TRANSFERS

Pte. W. E. Broadbridge from No.
3 Coy to 5th A.A. Bty., 14/3/40.

Gnr. N. Desoulayev from 5th
A.A. Bty. to Unit Res., 17/4/40.

Pte. V. A. Novikov from Mob.
Col. H.Q. to M.M.G.P.L., 20/4/40.

Sgt. A. H. R. Butcher from No. 4
Coy. to Unit Res., 25/4/40.

LEAVE

Pte. E. V. Alves, No. 5 Coy., 17/
2/40—18/3/40.

Capt. J. A. R. Selby, Res. of
Offrs., 18/4/40—20/1/41.

C.Q.M.S. J. C. Polson, No. 2 Coy.,
19/4/40—18/10/40.

Gnr. B. T. Flanagan, 2nd Bty.,
20/4/40—19/10/40.

Pte. W. G. Robertson, No. 2 Coy.,
23/4/40—1/6/40.

Pte. I. M. Macrae, No. 2 Coy.,
23/4/40—9/5/40.

Capt. N. Garland, 2nd Bty., 24/
4/40—31/1/41.

Pte. J. H. Odell, M.M.G.P.L., 25/
4/40—1/5/40.

Sgt. A. H. R. Butcher, No. 4
Coy., 25/4/40—25/4/41.

Pte. H. L. Mackenzie, No. 2 Coy.,
1/3/40—31/8/40.

The following leave is cancell-
ed—Gnr. J. Hart-Davis, 2nd Bty.,
12/4/40—17/4/40.

STRENGTH—DECREASE

Pte. Fung King Fan, No. 3 Coy.,
18/9/39.

A/Cpl. A. W. Rowe, No. 3 Coy.,
24/10/37.

L/Cpl. S. Bard, Fd. Amb., 11/3/
40.

Pte. Sun Sze Kit, No. 7 Coy.,
12/3/40.

Pte. E. A. Alves, No. 5 Coy., 26/
3/40.

Pte. F. X. Chong, No. 3 Coy., 31/
3/40.

Pte. G. V. Remedios, Fd. Ambu-
lance, 9/4/40.

Sigmn. Eu Keng Oi, Corps
Signals, 15/4/40.

A/Cpl. C. Cauvin, No. 3 Coy.,
30/4/39.

Pte. B. P. C. Fletcher, No. 3
Coy., 30/4/39.

Pte. Shea Samuel, No. 3 Coy., 30/
4/39.

Pte. L. Choa, No. 3 Coy., 30/4/39.

Sigmn. A. Cheung, Corps Sigs.,
18/6/39.

STRENGTH—INCREASE

Gnr. C. A. Smith, 1st Bty., 1/4/
40.

Gnr. C. J. Powell, 1st Bty., 9/4/
40.

Sigmn. W. S. Anderson, Corps.
Sigs., 12/4/40.

Gnr. R. H. Blake, 2nd Bty., 15/
4/40.

Pte. J. Adam, No. 2 Coy., 18/4/
40.

Pte. J. Revie, No. 2 Coy., 18/4/
40.

Pte. J. G. R. Humble, No. 2 Coy.,
18/4/40.

Pte. J. McKelvie, No. 2 Coy., 18/
4/40.

Pte. W. F. Ford, No. 2 Coy., 18/
4/40.

Pte. T. Coleman, No. 2 Coy., 18/
4/40.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain.
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps

"HOME LEAVE—VIA
SOUTH AFRICA"Interesting Talk At Rotary
Club Meeting

The third and concluding chap-
ter of his talk on "Home Leave
via South Africa" was given to
the Hongkong Rotary Club at
their weekly tiffin meeting yester-
day by Rot. Dr. J. H. Mont-
gomery.

Before calling upon Dr. Mont-
gomery to give his address, Mr.
L. C. F. Bellamy, president of the
Club, welcomed two visiting
Rotarians from India Mr. Walter
Buchan, a director of the Calcutta
Rotary Club, and Mr. J. J. Ehandy
of Jamshedpur, who brought a
flag for exchange.

The following guests were also
welcomed by the president:—Mr.
C. W. Jeffries, Dr. Shannon,
Messrs. S. H. Langston, W. O.
Orlowitz, Azzoline, D. B. Evans,
N. G. Seale, I. N. Murray Strlell
and Rev. A. S. Moore Anderson.

PIETERMARITZBURGH

Addressing the gathering, Dr.
Montgomery said, in part:—

Part Two of this trip from
Hongkong to England via S. Africa
dealt with Bulawayo, the Victoria
Falls, Durban and the journey
from Durban via the valley of a
thousand hills to Pietermaritzburgh
and I mentioned the beautiful
sight the avenues of Jaarand and
Flame of the Forest presented
in that interesting town.

Pietermaritzburgh is an impor-
tant industrial and a leading
educational centre, whilst it's
beautiful setting in a smiling
valley surrounded by highly wood-
ed heights, gives the city a charm-
ing serenity peculiar to itself.

Leaving Pietermaritzburgh an-
other day and night in the train,
travelling N. W. through Natal,
you pass Ladysmith. A little
North is Glencoe and only 30
miles to the West is Spion Kop,
names linked with sad defeats
and great victories. From Lady-
smith you go through Harrismith
and Bethlehem to Kromstad
which takes you from Natal into
the Orange Free State just North
of Basutoland. From Kromstad
you go almost due South to Bloem-
fontein, capital of the Orange
Free State and the seat of the
Court of Appeal for S. Africa.

By reason of its geographical
position it is called the Centre
City of South Africa and has a
population of sixty two thousand.

EAST LONDON

Another day and night in the
train took me again to the coast
to East London. Alongside E.
London is Buffalo and this is the
Union's only River Port and from
it much of the country's wool clip
is exported. The town of E. London
is beautifully situated on the coast
and is the commercial hub of a large
and flourishing countryside. As
a seaside resort, E. London has
a legion of ardent admirers and
in addition to excellent surf-
bathing, there are facilities for all
manner of recreation.

The next stop and not very far
away is Port Elizabeth. The his-
tory of this important city is in-
teresting and goes back to 1486
when the illustrious Explorer,
Bartholomew Diaz, rounded the
Cape and discovered a large bay
which he named Bay of the
Lagoon on account of its unruffled
surface and lucid blue appear-
ance.

From Port Elizabeth, a night's
journey by train takes you to
Oudtshoorn on the Garden Route
of the Cape Colony.

GIANT KLOOPS

Oudtshoorn is a small town of
only fourteen thousand inhabi-
tants and lies on the Grobbelaars
River in a valley sixty miles long,
walled and sheltered by superb
mountains, giant kloofs and won-
derful water courses. Its double
aspect of natural grandeur and
fertility makes it a place of great
scenic splendour and the country
side is dotted with flourishing
farms with a background of won-
derful mountain scenery.

CAPE TOWN

I must leave out the other
places in the Garden Route and
imagine you have reached Cape-
town.

The Cape, like Port Elizabeth,
was discovered by the Portuguese
Explorer, Bartholomew Diaz when
in 1487 he set out to discover a
sea route to India, in which quest
he was unsuccessful. Capetown
was founded by Johan Van
Riebeeck in 1652, as a station of
the Netherlands East India Co.
It was merely a small settlement
on the shore of Table Bay, nest-
ling beneath the majestic mass of
Table mountain. Of the Cape
Sir Francis Drake said, "This

Cape is a most stately thing and
the fairest Cape we saw in the
whole circumference of the
earth."

BEAUTIFUL DRIVE

The drive around the Cape
Peninsula is said to be one of
finest in the world and it is hard
to imagine anything finer. I
drove first by way of the Univer-
sity, laid out on a beautiful site
and with a marvellous view and
Campus, to the Rhodes Reserve.

It was with real regret I left
Capetown as there was much
beauty and interest still to be
seen, but, time and tide and the
boats wait for no man and I had
to catch the Dutch Ship, Bosch-
fontein, bound for Southampton.

TABLE MOUNTAIN

Table Mountain looked its very
best in the light of the setting
sun as the boat sailed away and
there was no "tablecloth" on it,
only a golden and red glow light-
ing up the whole mountain that
made it look living and vital, as
if calling one to return for another
visit.

The voyage home was pleasant
with only one stop at Dakar in
French Senegal on the West Coast
and in 15 days we tied up at
Southampton alongside the Queen
Mary and Empress of Australia
and it was only then I realized
how small the Boschfontein was
in comparison to those ocean
Giants.

I arrived in London just in
time to see the King and Queen
setting out for Canada—a fitting
Climax to a wonderful home leave
via South Africa.

The vote of thanks to the spea-
ker was proposed by Rot. W. E.
Rickwood.

Mrs. James Roosevelt, the
mother of President Roosevelt,
was the guest of honour at a cock-
tail party held by the New York
chapter of the China Aid Council
in the Hotel Beekman on January
28. Between 500 and 600 people
paid the dollar admittance to the
affair which raised \$700 for China.

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R.E.O.C.A. GRAND
CABARET DANCE

The next R.E.O.C.A. function,
which will be a Grand Cabaret
Dance, will be held at the Penin-
sula Hotel on Saturday next, April
27, from 8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Music will be provided by the
Dance Band of the 2nd Bn. The
Royal Scots (by kind permission of
Lieut.-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C.
and Officers).

The following artists will appear:
Dances (by arrangement with
George Goncharoff); Nura Känis,
Gaston D'Agulino, Ernest Perry.
There will also be Spot and
Novelty prizes.

Admission (

Finance and Commerce

Overseas Chinese Mission Makes Investments

At least two reconstruction projects have been started by the South Seas Chinese Comfort Mission whose leaders are now in Chungking. One is the establishment of a non-profit-making pharmaceutical works to make medicines for China's soldiers, and the other a \$1,000,000 rubber factory.

According to Tjung See-gan (Chung Hsi-yan), deputy leader of the delegation, the medical plant will have an initial capital investment of \$200,000 by overseas Chinese residing in the British Malaya. Additional amounts to defray operating expenses will come from the same sources. The plant will start producing aspirin, penicillin and other palliative and curative Oriental medicines this year.

JOINT OPERATION

The other factory will be devoted mainly to the manufacture and vulcanizing of rubber motor tyres, for which this country has been depending on foreign countries. It will be operated jointly by the \$10,000,000 China National Tea Corporation and industrial magnates in Penang, F. M. S. Arrangements have been made to the effect that 30 per cent of the capital is to be subscribed by the former, while the rest by the latter. The factory will have a production capacity of 100 tyres a day, its equipment and personnel will be mostly obtained from Penang, a world-famous rubber-producing centre.

Emulating their compatriots in British Malaya, the overseas Chinese in the Netherlands East

Indies are raising F200,000 to buy quinine tablets for relief purposes in China. Another \$100,000 worth of the febrifugal drug is reported on the way here from Malaya.

Mr. Tan Kah-kee and Mr. Tjung have been making detailed investigations since their arrival from Rangoon by plane. They visited many industrial factories and witnessed various wartime activities in Chungking. They attended the sessions of the People's Political Council and reassured those present of the unwavering loyalty and support to Generalissimo Chiang, and the National Government of their 10,000,000 compatriots in the South Seas Islands.

SIX PARTIES

The visiting group have been divided into six parties and visited various fronts, and presenting their gifts of cash, medicines, clothing and foodstuffs.

The Overseas Chinese Comfort Mission to China is headed by Mr. Tan Kah-kee, 89, a well-known industrialist from Singapore. Mr. Tjung See-gan, the deputy leader, hails from Batavia, Java where he is director of an import company. Mr. Tan estimated conservatively that the total capital of the overseas Chinese in South Seas Islands is worth \$100,000,000.

COMMODITY PRICES IN YUNNAN

KUNMING, April 23 (Central).—Negotiations between Dr. Franklin L. Ho, Director of the Agricultural Credit Administration, and the local authorities for the stabilisation of commodity prices in Yunnan have been completed satisfactorily. Dr. Ho, it is learned, will fly back to Chungking today.

It was decided that a purchase and distribution office will be established here to regulate the supply of daily necessities. A Rice Storage and Distribution Office was established yesterday for regulating the supply of foodstuffs.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Although the imminence of the Budget has restricted activity in the Stock Exchange, the market was generally cheerful. Gilt-edged securities quietly improved while gold mining shares were supported by local investors. Oils are brighter on the growing demand and Wall Street was firm.

although it is generally believed that the amount ranges between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000. The delegation will remain in China for six months.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

There was a shade more of a turnover during the day, aided by a line of lands at \$36½ and some Unions at \$502½.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1500.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$172.
Doughlases, \$120.
Docks Rts., \$6.60.
Providents, \$4.35.
H.K. Lands, \$362.
Electric, \$65½.
Telephones (O), \$28.80.
Cements, \$17.
Dairy Farms, \$21.60.
Watsons, \$9.35.
Lane Crawford, \$7.90.
Mm. Powell, \$1.
Entertainments, \$7.

SELLERS

Docks Cum. Rts., \$22.
H.K. Lands, \$37.
Electric, \$65½.
Telephones (N), \$10.40.
Watsons, \$9½.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1500.
Unions Ins., \$502½.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$172.
H.K. Mines, 6 cts.
H.K. Lands, \$362.
China Lights (O), \$8.05.
Electric, \$65½.
Telephones (O), \$29.
H.K. Ropes, \$5.55.
Lane Crawford, \$8.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 15b, Antamok 11b, Bagulo Gold 18½, Batong Buhay 0095s, Big Wedge 17s, Coco Grove 08s, Con. Mines 00245, Demonstration 08s, I.L.K. 31b, Ipo Gold 07s, Itogon Mining 20b, Masbate Con. 08½, Mine Operations 08s, North G. Marines 047s, Paracale Gummaus 14½, San Mauricio 60b, Surigao Con. 17s, Suyoc Con. 12b, Syndicate Inv. 017s, United Paracale 21b, Mindanao Motherlode 08½.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Tuesday, April 23, 1940.
H.K. Banks 5 \$1,505.00
H.K. Lands 16 1,500.00
China Lights (O) 1,500 8.05
100 8.05
150 8.05
850 8.05
Cements 500 17.00
H.K. T'phones (O) 500 29.00
Star Ferries 200 67.75
Unions Ins. 50 500.00

3,871
The total value is \$114,005.00.

INSC. COMPANY MEETINGS

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will be held at the Company's Head Office at 11-20 a.m. on Friday, May 3. This will be followed, at 11:25 a.m. by the annual meeting of The British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

Yellow Silk Exports From China

In addition to improved white silk, Szechwan has a plan to increase its production of yellow silk by one-third this year. Instead of 10,000 piculs in 1939, it will seek to deliver 15,000 piculs. A sizeable amount of this will eventually find its way into Burma, where the people prefer Chinese yellow silk to other varieties.

RAYON COMPETITION

Yellow silk from northern parts of Szechwan was generally consigned to Shanghai in pre-war days, while that from Southern Szechwan was sold mostly to people in French Indo-China, Burma and India. In recent years, Szechwan exported as much as 7,000 piculs to Burma alone, roughly one-tenth of its annual output.

In recent years, however, Szechwan yellow silk suffered considerably from the competition of rayon. The first organized efforts to recapture the Burma market began last year when Yunnan silk merchants who have been doing business with Burma for decades banded together to form the Yunnan-Burma Raw Silk Company in Kunming. It has a large working capital.

SPECIAL PERMISSION

Silk is one of the articles the export of which has been placed under the Foreign Trade Commission. But the company in Kunming was granted special permission to ship out 2,000 piculs of new yellow silk. Actually, however, it exported 3,500 piculs, including 2,000 piculs kept over from the previous season.

One of the best selling points about the Szechwan yellow silk used to be its low cost of production. Since the war began, its price has steadily gone up. Last year, it sold at \$3,000 a picul. It may go even higher this year. This may increase the difficulties for Chinese exporters as they have to face foreign competition.

RUMOUR FROM JAPAN

TOKYO, April 23 (Reuter).—In connection with the economic blockade of Germany, Britain has proposed the conclusion of a trade agreement with Japan, according to the Japanese newspaper, Nichi-Nichi.

The paper points out that sterling bloc countries constitute Japan's most important export markets. The London correspondent of the Nichi Nichi says "well-informed circles emphasize the striking change recently noted in the British Government's attitude towards Japan."



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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE (REUTERS SERVICE)

London, April 22. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½% (Red after 1952)	99½
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	15
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	56
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	52
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	50
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	27
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912	37
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	11
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	60
Honan Rly. 5%	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911	19
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	17
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	21
Shan-N'King Rly. 5%	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	13
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	45
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	52
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	9-3/16
Chartered Bank	93½
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	93½
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	93½
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	18/9
Chosen Corporation	6/8
Pekin Syndicate	2
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15
Shai Waterworks "A"	15
Union Insurance	29½
Gala Kalumpung Rubber	18/3
Allied Ironfounders	14
Austin Motors, ord.	40/14
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	57½
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	103/9
Mexican Eagle	12½
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/4½
Mexican Eagle	6/1½
Courtaulds	37/3
Distillers	67
Dunlop Rubber	36/8
Gen. Electric (England)	80/1½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	77/9
Hawker Siddeley Airc.	12/9
Bristol Aeroplane	14
Imperial Chemical Ind.	31
Imperial Tobacco	113/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	47
Rolls Royce	90/10½
Leyland Motors	72/8
Tate & Lyle	54/6
Turner & Newall	64/7½
United Steel	23
Smethwick Drop Forg.	13/9

Economic Self-Sufficiency In South-East China

Most of the provinces in south-east China are economically self-sufficient, according to Mr. Sun Hsiao-tsun, noted rural economist, who recently arrived in Chungking following an extensive tour through the southeastern provinces.

Chekkiang, for instance, he said, began its programme of heavy and light industries with the establishment of a big iron works. Today all the "Chung Cheng" (courtesy name of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek) rifles and light machine-guns used by the people's militia are made in that factory.

DAILY NECESSITIES

Daily necessities are supplied by various handicraft factories which have sprung into existence here and there throughout the province. Within half a year, a new 5,000-spindle cotton mill will be in full swing. In transportation, there are in Chekiang 12,000 hand carts whose capacity equals 1,000 trucks of two and a half tons each.

In Kiangsi there are at present 25 light industrial plants furnish-

ing a majority of the much-needed raw materials. The number of factories is expected to be increased to 60 within this year.

Rapid progress towards self-sufficiency in both heavy and light industrial development has been made in the provinces of Fukien and Anhwei, Mr. Sun stated.

CRUX OF WORK

The crux of the work for economic development in the various south-eastern provinces, Mr. Sun analyzed, lies in preventing economic resources from being seized by the enemy.

In 1938, for instance, 1,000,000 piculs of rice were transported from southern Anhwei to Wuhu, which is in the hands of the Japanese. In 1939, however, Chinese political and military authorities succeeded in buying 500,000 piculs of rice from Anhwei.

The products closely guarded by Chinese authorities include wheat, glutinous rice, spring and autumn cocoons in Southern Kiangsu; cereals, tea, yellow beans, sesame and cowhide in Kiangsi. More than 100,000 piculs of cotton were transported from Hwangmel, Hupeh Province, to Kiangsi last year.

Currency and financial conditions in the rural districts of the various south-eastern provinces, Mr. Sun continued, have also been gratifying. The credit of the banknotes issued by the different provincial banks has been high.

LOAN SERVICES

The four government banks: the Central Bank, Bank of China, Bank of Communications and Farmers' Bank of China, do not issue loans in south-east China. Loan services are mainly rendered by the provincial banks. The amount of loans issued in Kiangsi totalled \$5,000,000 and that in Chekiang \$1,500,000. Loans were also extended to farmers engaged in tea cultivation in Anhwei Province.

To counteract the enemy dumping and selling, according to Mr. Sun, an effective network of economic control organizations has been set up in the south-east. Among other organizations were mentioned the oil, tea, cotton and silk control bureau, handicraft industries advisory bureau, highway transportation company, hand cart administration, war area products transportation and consumption bureau and cooperative affairs administration in Chekiang; wartime trade bureau, rural cooperatives committee and industrial company in Kiangsi; trade corporation and transportation company in Fukien and food purchasing committee in Anhwei.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY 23. APRIL.				TUESDAY 23. APRIL.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Bank							
\$1500	293½		H.K. Banks				\$1205
	293½		Do. (Col. Reg.)				293½
	293½		Do. (Ldn. Reg.)				293½
	29 3/16		Chartered Bank				29 3/16
	231		Maritime Bk.				231
	219½		Maritime Bk. (Col.)				219½
\$73			Bank of East Asia	\$74			
			N. C. & S. Bank				
Insurance							
	2930		Canton Insurance				2930
	\$500		Union Insurance	\$500			\$500
	85 cts		Underwriters				76 cts
\$171			H.K. Fire	\$171			
Shipping							
\$120			Doughlases	\$11½			
	111½		Steamships				110
	8100		Indo-China (Fr.)				8100
	890		Indo-China (Dm.)				8120
	72/8		Shells				72/8
	\$8.90		Waterboats	\$8.90			
			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
\$4.35			H.K. & K. Wharves	\$4.35			
			Providents (new)				
	292		H.K. Docks C. Rts.	291½			292
\$6.60			H.K. Docks X. Rts.	\$6.75			\$6.85
	80		Shanghai Docks & S.				80½
Mining							
	16/9		Kailash	\$9.75			
	\$9.65		Yunnan Gold Fide				\$4
			Hong Kong Mines				
5 cts.			Lands, Hotels and				
Buildings							
	34½		H.K. Hotels	\$36½			37
	236½		H.K. Lands				100
	\$10		Do. 4½ Debonairs				
	\$14.70		Shanghai Lands & S.				\$4.40
	88		H.K. Realities				\$7.90
	\$103		Humphreys				
			Chinese Estates				
	809		Cotton Mills				809
	\$230		Ewo (S.)				\$270
			S'hai Cottons (S.)				
			Zoong Sings (S.)				
			Wing On Textiles (S.)	\$120			
			Public Utilities				
	118		Tramways	\$17½			\$18
	88		Peak Tram (old)				88
	84		Peak Tram (new)				84
	588		Star Ferry	\$67½			\$68
	292½		Y'nat Ferries	\$292½			
			Do. (new)				
	86.20		China Lights (O)	\$7.90			\$8.05
			China Lights (New)	\$4.90			
			H.K. Electric	\$65½			\$66½
\$66½			Mico Electric	\$66½			\$66½
	111½		Sandakan Light				111½
			Telephones (old)	\$24.90			\$25
\$24.90			Telephones (new)	\$10.3½			
\$10.35			Traction				21/0
			Traction (Fr.)				
	\$14.90		Industrials				\$14.90
	81		Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.				81
			Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.				
			Canton Loan				
			Cements				
\$17			Ropes	\$17			
\$54			Miscellaneous				
			Dairy Farm	\$21.60			
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			Ch. E. Laminates	\$6.80			
			Constructions (old)				
			Constructions (new)				
			Lane Crawford				
			Nanyang Tobacco	\$24			\$24
			Sincere	\$22.10			\$22.10
			Watsons	\$9.35			
	52½		Ch. G. S. 1925-30 Sds.				52½
	10102		H.K. Govt. 4½ Loan				10102
	997		H.K. Govt. 2½ Loan				997
			H.K. Wing On	\$20			
			S'hai Wing On	\$14			
			Vibro Piling				
			Maraman Inv. (Ldn.)				
			Maraman Inv. (H.K.)				
			Wm. Powells				
\$1			Sales 'o Shanghai				

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND
EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS
APRIL 23, 1940

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 13/16	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/8 1/8	
On Shanghai:	On demand 350
On Singapore:	On demand 52 1/2
On Japan:	On demand 92
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/4
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 21 5/8
Credits, 60 days' sight 22 1/8	
On Batavia:	On demand 40 1/8
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2
Credits 4 months' sight 110	
On Saigon:	On demand 108 1/4
On Manila:	On demand 43 1/4
On Bangkok:	On demand 159
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz.	31 1/4

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS

Silver prices rose yesterday to the extent of 3/8 for Ready and 5/16 for Forward, the quotations being 21 1/4 and 21 1/8 respectively. Silver advances reported India as having bought. The market was steady with buyers satisfied. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 353 3/8.

Market

Steady but quiet.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/29/32 April, probably May and 1/27/8 June/November, buyers at 1/2/15/16 Cash and 1/2/29/32 August.

U.S. Dollars

Quiet. There were sellers at 21 13/16 April, 21 3/4 May and 21 11/16 June, buyers at 21 15/16 Cash, 21 7/8 May and 21 13/16 June.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 361.

Shanghai Market

Steady Sterling at 41/8 and U.S. Dollars at 51/16 sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

No business was reported, closing with sellers at 1/29/32 April/May and 1/27/8 June/November, buyers at 1/2/15/16 Cash and 1/2/29/32 August.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 21 13/16 April, 21 3/4 May and 21 11/16 June, buyers at 21 15/16 for Cash, 21 7/8 May and 21 13/16 June.

Shanghai Dollars

361 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Apr. 23 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/4	0/4
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	23-1/2	23-1/2
India	22-1/8	22-1/8
Paris	2-9/4	2-9/4
Hongkong	26-3/4	26-3/4

Mellers

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-1/8	0/4-1/8
Apr.	0/4-5/8	0/4-3/4
May	0/3-29/32	0/3-29/32

U.S. Dollars

	Spot	5-11/16	5-23/32
Spot	\$6-1/32	\$6-1/32	\$6-1/32
Apr.	5-31/32	5-31/32	5-31/32
May	5-11/16	5-11/16	5-11/16

Market—Quiet.

Merchant Rates

	Spot	5-11/16	5-23/32
Spot	\$6-1/32	\$6-1/32	\$6-1/32
Apr.	5-31/32	5-31/32	5-31/32
May	5-11/16	5-11/16	5-11/16

Sterling, 0/4-3/32

U.S. Dollars, \$6

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.

The Equalisation rate was 12 per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, Apr. 22 (Reuters). T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 353-1/2.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Apr. 22 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan, 89-1/2.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Apr. 22 (Reuters). Govt. 3 1/4 Rupee, 94 nominal.

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COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

Previous	April 22	New York, April 22, 1940	Closing	Opening	Closing	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER		Buyers	Buyers			
S P O T	36 cts.	36 cts.	35-7/8	off 1/8		
JULY-SEPT.	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-1/2	off 1/4		
OCT-DEC.	34	34	33-5/8	off 3/8		

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER

Previous close	Today's close	Change
S P O T	11	10-15/16 off 1/16
M A Y	11	10-15/16 off 1/16
JULY-SEPT.	11-1/16	11 off 1/16
OCT-DEC.	11-1/16	11 off 1/16

After ruling steady, the market eased on May liquidation but closed quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON: The market showed independent strength. Crop deterioration complaints are beginning to come from the Texas section and prices advanced easily on scattered Trade and Far Eastern buying, price-fixing operations being more liberal. Faced with a short Chinese cotton crop, it is expected that Japan may increase heavily its purchases of American cotton.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Less apprehension of the possible Japanese "protection" of the Netherlands East Indies and reports of heavy arrivals were today's depressing influences.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Early advance on reports of damage as a result of the recent freezing and thawing met heavy profit-taking and scattered loan liquidation. The market is very susceptible to crop scares.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 147.67; Today's close, 148.01; Change, up 34.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.80	10.73	10.75	10.80	.05 up
New York Rubber, May	19.42	19.07	19.58	19.08	.50 off
Chicago Wheat, May	113	110 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	65	1 up
New York Hides, June	14.03	13.78	13.99	13.78	.23 off
NEW YORK COTTON					
Close	10.75/75	10.74/74	10.80/80	.05 up	
May	10.48/48	10.46/46	10.52/53	.04 up	
July	10.64/64	10.62/62	10.67/67	.03 up	
July (New contract)	10.14/14	10.14/14	10.21/21	.07 up	
October	10.03/03	10.03/03	10.11/11	.08 up	
December	9.98/98	9.98/98	10.05/05	.07 up	
January	9.89/89	9.89/89	9.95/95	.06 up	
March	10.91/91	10.91/91	10.96/96	.05 up	

Total sales Saturday—30,200 bales.

First notice day for cotton—1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	19.58/60	19.41/42	19.08/08	.50 off	
July	19.08/08	18.95/90	18.68/68	.40 off	
September	18.72/74	18.64/64	18.45/45	.27 off	
December	18.50/50	18.42/42	18.15/15	.35 off	
January	18.44/44	18.36/36	18.10/10	.34 off	

Total sales—3,000 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	111 1/2/111 1/2	110 1/2/110 1/2	111 1/2/111 1/2	1 up	
July	109 1/2/109 1/2	109 1/2/109 1/2	109 1/2/109 1/2	1 up	
September	109 1/2/109 1/2	109 1/2/109 1/2	109 1/2/109 1/2	1 up	

Saturday's sales—20,211,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	65/65	1 up	
July	65 1/2/65 1/2	65 1/2/65 1/2	66 1/2/66 1/2	1 up	
September	66 1/2/66 1/2	66 1/2/66 1/2	67 1/2/67 1/2	1 up	

WINNIPEG WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
May	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	1 up	
July	92 1/2/92 1/2	92 1/2/92 1/2	92 1/2/92 1/2	1 up	
October	94 1/2/94 1/2	94 1/2/94 1/2	94 1/2/94 1/2	1 up	

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
June	13.99/99	13.90/90	14.05/05	.15 off	
September	14.25/25	14.23/23	14.01/01	.24 off	
December	14.48/48	14.50/50	14.26/26	.22 off	
New York Official	14.48/48	14.50/50	14.26/26	.22 off	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.53	3.53	3.53/3/8		

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER
London, Apr. 22 (Reuters).

Silver: India bought. Small offerings. Business moderate. Market steady. Buyers satisfied. In the afternoon, the market was steady, with small buyers at the rate but no offerings.

Spot, 21-1/4d.

Forward, 21-1/8d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Apr. 22 (Reuters). Market—Quietly steady. Offer take 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 58-04
May 1 Settlement 58-04
June 3 Settlement 58-08

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Apr. 22 (Reuters). Silver, Official, 34-3/4.

LONDON METALS
EXCHANGE
London, Apr. 22 (Reuters).

TIN

Standard, Cash 252-3/4 253
Standard,

3 months 247 247-1/4

Standard, Settlement Price 252-3/4
Straits 273 to 278

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)	Last Sale	APRIL 23, 1940	Last Sale
STOCKS	Apr. 22	STOCKS	Apr. 22
Adams Express	7 1/2	Kennecott Copper	36 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	24	Lakey Foundry & Mac.	4*
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	49 1/2
Allis Chalmers	34 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	39 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	10 1/2	Loew's Inc.	34 1/2
Arzer, Can.	115 1/2	Loft Incorporated	34 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	39 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	26 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	44 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	25 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26 1/2
American Gas & Elec.	35*	Monsanto Chemical	113
Amer. Locomotive	20 1/2	Montgomery Ward	54 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	21 1/2	National Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	18 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	Nat. Distillers	25 1/2
Amer. Sling and R'ing Co.	50 1/2	National Gypsum	10 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	22 1/2	National Lead	20 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	8*
Amer. Tobacco "B"	90 1/2	National Steel Corp.	65 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	9 1/2	National Supply Corp.	8
Anacostia Copper	30 1/2	New York Central	10 1/2
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	22 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2
Auburn Motors	14	N. American Aviation	23 1/2
Aviation Corp.	7 1/2	North American Co.	21 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	16	Northern Pacific	8 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	8	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	63
Barber Asphalt Co.	15 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	11 1/2	Pacific Lighting	44 1/2
Bell Aircraft Corp.	28 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Pan-American Airways	21 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Bliss & Co.	19 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	25 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	37 1/2
Borg-Warner	22 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	0 1/2
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	11 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39
Briggs Mfg.	22 1/2	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	8 1/2
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	22 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$5.	98 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Pure Oil	11
Canadian Pacific R'way	5 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	15 1/2
Case, J.I.	97*	Reading Company, Com	8 1/2
Celanese	34 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pfd	28*
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	41*
Chrysler Corp.	87	Republic Aviation Corp.	6 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	39	Republic Steel	21 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	80	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	13 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	64	Reynold Tobac. "B"	43
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	89 1/2	Richfield Oil	7 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2	Safeway Stores	50 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2	Schenley Distillers	13 1/2
Consolidated Edison	31 1/2	Sears Roebuck	85 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13
Continental Can	46 1/2	Socom-Vacuum Oil	11
Continental Oil	23 1/2	Southern Pacific	12 1/2
Copperweld Steel	24 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	28 1/2
Corn Products	80 1/2	Sperry	44 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	10 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	29 1/2	Standard Brands	7 1/2
Deere & Co.	23 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19 1/2	Standard Oil of California	22 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	89 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	40 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	18 1/2	Stone & Webster	9 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	10 1/2	Studebaker Com.	11 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	35	Swift International	30
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Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	32 1/2	Trans-America Co.	5 1/2
Fisk Rubber	14 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	9 1/2
Flintkote	18 1/2	20th Cent. Fox 1 1/2 pf.	21 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	52	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	18 1/2
Gen. Electric	37 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	82
Gen. Motors	63 1/2	Union Pacific	96 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	17 1/2	United Aircraft	51
Gen. Tire & Rubber	18 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	21 1/2
Gillette Co.	17 1/2	United Corp.	21
Goodrich (B.F.)	18	United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	3 1/2
Goodrich 55 pf.	64*	United Gas Corp.	17 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	21 1/2	United Gas Improvement	12 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	26 1/2	U.S. Rubber	32 1/2
Great Western Sugar	28	U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	103
Greyhound Corp.	15 1/2	U.S. Steel	60 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	96 1/2	Vanadium	37 1/2
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International Harvester	55 1/2	Walworth Co.	54
Int. Nickel	30 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	11 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	20 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	112
Int. Tel. & Tel.	34*	Woodward Iron Cor.	26 1/2
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THE WAR IN THE AIR**SIX FIRES STARTED BY R.A.F. AT AALBORG****Enemy Planes Blown Up In Bombing Raid**

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter).—It is understood that in the course of last night's air raid on Aalborg numerous hits were made on the landing ground with high explosives, and six fires, started by incendiary bombs, were left blazing in different parts of the aerodrome.

One pilot, approaching from a height of only 100 feet, found that most of the searchlights could not be depressed to such a low level and he was able to place an accurate salvo of bombs on the road near the control tower.

A powerful force of long-range bombers raided the Stavanger Aerodrome. One of the raiders dropped ten bombs from a low altitude on a group of about 15 enemy aircraft of which at least six were destroyed and others believed badly damaged.

One machine, in a low attack, showed a line of high explosive bombs across the aerodrome and also started several fires with incendiary bombs. Another plane machine-gunned a line of enemy aircraft, two of which burst into flames.

ONE MISSING

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry stated that only one plane is missing at Aalborg and none after the attack on Stavanger.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter).—Authoritative quarters in London calculate that in one period of five days since the Scandinavian war began the Germans have lost 100 planes.

It is understood that British bombers met no opposition from German fighter planes during the last raid on Aalborg, and no organised fighter resistance throughout the war in any night raid.

This is thought in authoritative circles to indicate that fighter squadrons cannot trust the Messerschmitt machines, were seen flying high over the Shetlands area yesterday afternoon.

PLANES OVER SHETLANDS

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter).—Two aeroplanes, believed to be enemy, were seen flying high over the Shetlands area yesterday afternoon.

Anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and British fighters went up, and the planes were driven off. No bombs were dropped and no air raid warning was sounded.

GERMAN FIGURES

BERLIN, April 23 (Reuter).—The official News Agency claims that nine British and two French planes were shot down on Sunday, including two British bombers during the raid on Stavanger and four in the raid on Aalborg.

"AS A MATTER OF FORM"

MANILA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Two United States warships have been dispatched to "keep an eye" on a British warship reported to be operating in Philippine waters, according to the Manila Bulletin, quoting "reliable source".

This action has been taken in accordance with neutrality regulations, the paper says.

Local radio programmes have been interrupted during the past three days by naval authorities recalling personnel to ships.

The naval authorities explained the reason for this as "special exercises."

It is learned that last week a British warship requested a coaster to verify its nationality at a point between Manila and Northern Luzon.

Recapture Of Elverum**Reports To Be Taken With Reserve**

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Allied forces in eastern Norway are believed to be fighting at Hamar, and Elverum against German detachments from Oslo. Reports persist that British, French and Norwegian troops have recaptured both Hamar and Elverum but these reports should be treated with reserve.

Other reports, which seem to be reliable, state that Allied troops have reached Hamar by railway from Andalsnes. Partial confirmation of this may be seen in the fact that Andalsnes was bombed in the vicinity of at least one station on the railway line.

Four large Nazi bombers are reported to have been shot down during the latter attack. Here, too, the Norwegians have rounded up 50 German parachutists.

The Nazis had captured a farm, but the Norwegians, using hand grenades and machine-guns, forced them to surrender with a loss of 25 lives. Apart from automatics, the Nazis had with them folding bicycles, radio sets, and even gas-welding apparatus.

AALBORG NOW HAS CURFEW

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter).—According to the German-controlled Copenhagen radio, curfew was imposed at Aalborg today following two air force raids on the airport there.

No civilians, except persons going to, or coming from, work and doctors and nurses, are allowed in the streets between 9 p.m. and 4.30 a.m.

The Copenhagen announcer gave detailed instructions what to do in the course of an air raid and warned listeners outside Aalborg that a state of air raid danger might be declared in other parts of the country.

SWEDISH BOATS ATTACKED

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Two Swedish fishing boats were machine-gunned by German planes in territorial waters on Monday off the west coast of Sweden.

The plane flew low to attack and according to the owners the nationality of both vessels was clearly marked and could not escape observation at the height at which the attacking plane flew.

SEA LION RESTS

LONDON, April 23 (Reuter).—H.M. submarine Sea Lion has returned for a rest. She sank 3,000 tons of German transport in Norwegian waters.

AMERICAN OPINION**WANG WILL NEVER SUCCEED**

SHANGHAI, Apr. 23 (Int'l).—"Having had friendly talks with influential Americans in China, I have come to realise that every American has faith in his government's traditional China policy," wrote Motosaburo Takata, executive editor of the Tokyo Nichi Nichi.

"I have had frank discussions with seven influential American residents and four well-known newspaper men in Shanghai and have reached the conclusion that it was impossible to expect a U.S.-Japan understanding on the China problem under the present circumstances."

The Americans unanimously are of the opinion that the Wang Ching-wei 'government' will never succeed in gaining the support of the financiers, intellectuals, and the masses in China.

"That it is hopeless for the Wang group to destroy or arrive at a compromise with the Chungking government and thereby realise peace."

"That Japan's aim in 'creating such a government' is to make another 'Manchukuo' out of China."

NAZI PLANES OFF THE COAST

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Planes, believed to be German, were reported off the south-east coast last night. Heavy gunfire was heard and great flashes seen just above the water, as if bombs were exploding.

Aircraft, also believed to be German, were reported off the east coast last night as well. Anti-aircraft guns went into action and pursuit planes went up.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., April 23.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.95 ins.

Temperature, 69 F.

Humidity, 91 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 70 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 66 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.01 in.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1st 18.63 ins.

Against an average of 9.90 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.47 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.57 a.m.

4 p.m., April 23.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.85 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 93 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 73 F.

Minimum temperature, 66 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 24 to 30 Apr. 1940.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	24	h.m.	h.m.
		10 40	7 3
Thurs.	25	10 55	7 2
		11 30	7 0
Fri.	26	11 53	6 7
		12 05	6 7
Sat.	27	12 06	6 3
		12 49	6 3
Sun.	28	1 42	6 4
		1 55	6 5
Mon.	29	2 42	6 4
		2 55	6 5
Tues.	30	3 39	6 5
		3 52	6 5

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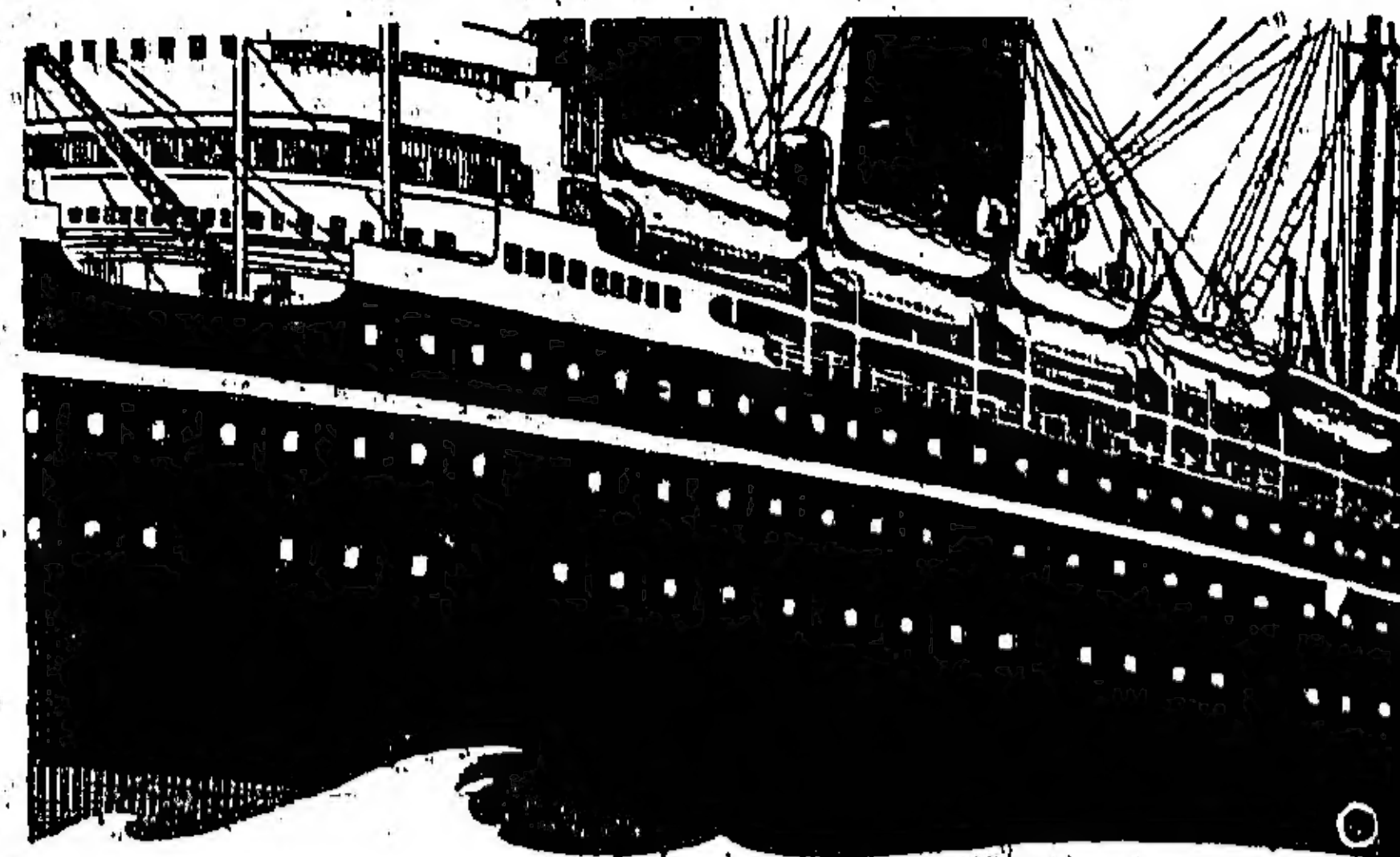
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NARVIK ATTACK

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for. Hotly engaged by two German ships, of superior gunpower and also by guns mounted ashore, and having fired her torpedoes, the Hardy withdrew and other British destroyers went into the attack. Their torpedoes made havoc among the German supply ships and transports and German destroyers were hit by gunfire. Then the Hardy attacked again.

She was at once heavily engaged by shore batteries and heavier guns of the two remaining German destroyers in harbour. Again the Hardy withdrew and other British destroyers attacked in turn hammering at the German destroyers and batteries which quickly ceased fire so that it was thought that all opposition had been broken. This time, as the Hardy withdrew, six torpedoes passed close to her.

THIRD ATTACK

The Hardy led the third attack but, as she withdrew from this, she sighted three large German destroyers steaming towards her from the direction of Rombak's Fjord. A signal to withdraw was at once made and her speed was increased to 30 knots. At the same time, the Hardy opened fire on the leading German ships which were firing at the Hardy.

As H.M.S. Hardy, leading the flotilla, turned down the fjord, two more large German destroyers were sighted ahead. Action was at once joined. The Hardy was hit almost immediately by the heavier shells of the German ships. (German destroyers of the Roeder class mount five 5-inch guns as against five 4.7-inch guns of the Hardy and four 4.7-inch guns of the other British destroyers engaged).

The bridge of the Hardy was hit and reduced to shambles. Capt. Warburton Lee was mortally wounded and the only man on the bridge not killed, or unconscious, was the Captain's secretary, Paymaster-Lieutenant Stanling, and his left foot was useless. At First Lieutenant-Commander Mansell was keeping the remaining guns in action. Realising the ship was still steaming fast and without anybody at the helm, Lt. Stanling dragged himself to the wheelhouse.

A SHAMBLES

It was a shambles and there was nobody alive so Lt. Stanling took the wheel himself and steered the ship looking through a shell hole. Soon afterwards an able seaman appeared. Lt. Stanling turned the wheel over to him and made his way back to the bridge where he took charge of the ship. He had no idea of what was happening aft but he has reported he had a vague idea of ramming the enemy now abreast of the Hardy and firing almost point blank.

At that moment, however, a shell struck the Hardy in the engine room. Steam escaped and the vessel at once began to lose way. Lt. Stanling put the helm over to beach the ship in order to save life. One gun was still in action and the ship was under heavy fire at short range.

Meanwhile H.M.S. Hunter had been sunk and H.M.S. Hotspur and Hostile had suffered damage. The Germans, however, were by no means unscathed. In addition to six supply ships sunk in Narvik harbour, and a German destroyer torpedoed by the Hardy three of the other German destroyers had been heavily hit and were seriously on fire. The enemy made no attempt to pursue the remaining British destroyers and these sank the German ammunition ship Ravensfeld on the way down the fjord.

ABANDON SHIP

The ship's company of the Hardy, under Mansell, First Lieutenant, were endeavouring to abandon ship under fire. This was no easy matter as the only remaining boat proved unseaworthy and there were many badly wounded. German destroyers, however, soon drew off. Capt. Warburton Lee was lashed in a stretcher and lowered into the water and towed ashore by Mr. McCracken, gunner, and one rating, but he was dead when they reached shore.

There were several wooden houses about half-a-mile from shore and the survivors distributed themselves among these for warmth and shelter. The majority went to the house of a Mrs. Christensen where about 80 men huddled together trying to restore their circulation. Mrs. Christensen and her daughter distributed food and all the clothes they had.

Surgeon-Lieutenant Walind, himself wounded, did what he could for the wounded, the bearing of whom was very courageous.

NEVER MURMURED

Particularly was this so of Able Seaman Bailey who, half-frozen with cold and with one hand shot off, sat for one-and-a-half hours

NEWSETTES

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Eugenics League will be held tomorrow at the Gloucester Building at 6 p.m.

A Dramatic Performance will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday next, April 30, at 9.15 p.m.

Mr. J. R. Jones, barrister-at-law, Ellis and Hays, Shanghai, left on April 18, in the s.s. Haruna Maru for home.

Mr. R. E. Laing will be the speaker at tomorrow's meeting of the Theosophical Society at 8 p.m. His subject will be "Mists and His Teachings."

Mr. J. Russell, who is expected to arrive in the Colony on May 1, is not Mr. J. Russell of Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co., Ltd., who is now in H.K.

Dr. C. T. Balean was fined \$5 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday for parking his car in Chater Road for a period exceeding the time limit.

Mr. J. T. W. Brooke, of Davies, Brooke and Gran, Shanghai, left on April 17 for Travancore, on two months' vacation, which he will spend with his son there.

M. A. Moret, Assistant Commissioner of the French Concession Police, and in charge of the political section, left Shanghai on April 17 on his way to France to offer his services with a view to seeing action at the front.

Mr. K. S. Lee, known in the Christian Church in China as the "Changed Merchant," who has financed the China Bible Institute and the Christian Broadcasting Station in Shanghai which have made an important contribution to the Church in China, is in America, on a round-the-world trip to establish what he calls a "radio chain" for the aid of China.

PEPPER THROWN AT FOKIS

It was reported to the police yesterday that two men, who entered a shop in Koshing Street, West Point, ordered 42 raincoats to be paid for on delivery.

Two fokis accompanied the men and, after a short distance, one of the "customers" said that as he had to get a ship he asked the fokis to hand over the raincoats to him and his friend would see to the payment.

After he had left, the friend put his hand in his pocket as if to produce money but instead, it is alleged, brought out some pepper which he threw at the faces of the fokis.

The latter raised the alarm and the man was caught by a detective who was passing by. The other man was subsequently traced and both will appear before a Magistrate at the Central Court this morning.

Charged with snatching a handbag from Mrs. S. M. Lopes, of Granville Road, in front of the Alhambra Theatre on Monday, Ip Cheung, 19, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday.

and never once murmured. A Norwegian succeeded in getting an ambulance from Ballanger, a small town 15 miles away, which took some of the wounded.

Others were lashed on to a sledge and dragged into Ballanger over a track full of holes. It must have caused great pain to the wounded but they bore their sufferings with the greatest fortitude. On the way survivors fell in with British merchant seamen from North Cornwall, captured by the Germans the day before, and released during the action when the supply ship on which they had been prisoners and which was among the others sunk.

At Ballanger, the British survivors made contact with the Norwegians, reorganised and consolidated. They were taken off by H.M.S. Vahoe on April 13 after H.M.S. Warspite and other British Naval forces had accounted for the whole of the German Naval forces in Narvik and Rombak's Fjord.

Reuter reports that the Hardy has now been refloated and is undergoing repairs.

Sir Louis Benie, who was formerly Commercial Counsellor to H. M. Embassy in China and is now with the Allied Purchasing Commission in the United States, has been given the freedom of New York City.

Mr. Wu Chung-hsing, chairman of the Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Committee of the National Government at Chungking who represented the Government at the recent enthronement ceremony of the 14th boy Lama ruler of Tibet, left Lhasa for Chungking on April 16.

With a record of 21 previous convictions against him, Chung Cheung, 28, unemployed, a police supervise, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court yesterday on a charge of larceny of a bicycle from outside No. 41, Mody Road, on Monday. Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

DUFF COOPER

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swastika. Throughout the lands that have been occupied, throughout the countries that are still neutral, steals the horror of the Gestapo.

Czechoslovakia was the first that fell under German terrorism: Poland, torn by Russia and Germany but restored by the Treaty of Versailles, is, after 20 years, torn to pieces again.

Finland was next and this gallant little country has set an example to the rest of the world an example, the speaker added that would certainly be followed by the countries that were still neutral today.

GALLANT NORWAY

Norway, whose representative he was proud to be sitting by, the newest and not the least gallant of the Allies, was today fighting side by side with Britain and France against the menace of Germany.

On the last occasion, when England beat Germany in the field, they came back crawling with the excuse that it was not the country's fault that the war was waged, but that it was the fault of a few princes who had fled. This excuse may yet come again—that the country is not to blame, only a small section of the people, but this time, said Mr. Duff Cooper, we will not be deceived again.

Mr. Duff Cooper, says Reuter, said that the mood of young men going out to fight today was one of bitter rage, grim defiance and unutterable determination. He pointed out the series of crimes which had made the horror of Europe were not the crimes of one man nor were they crimes of a small band of criminals. "These are the crimes of the whole people. It is wishful thinking to believe that we can drive a wedge between the German Government and German people."

VICTORY ASSURED

When the Germans realise that they are beaten they may turn against their own Government, but we must beat them in battle. It may be a long time, said the speaker, but he assured his listeners that "victory will be ours."

PRESSURE OF WORK

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill was unable, through pressure of work, to attend the St. George's Day luncheon today in London where his speech was to have been broadcast.

H.K. OBSERVANCE

In commemoration of St. George's Day, members of the Hongkong St. George's Society laid a wreath at the Cenotaph at noon yesterday. Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., President of the Society, and the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, senior Past President, officiated, and also present were Past Presidents and members of the Committee.

GERMANS KILL U.S. OFFICIAL

WASHINGTON, April 23 (Reuter).—The State Department has been informed that Captain Losey, Assistant United States Military Attaché in Stockholm was killed when the Germans raided Domabas, in Norway, from the air on Sunday. Capt. Losey was the first American killed on land since the beginning of the war. He was assisting to remove Americans from the war zone.

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Australia and Manila	24th Apr.
Canton	24th Apr.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service" — Paris date, 17th April	24th Apr.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 16th April	24th Apr.
Canton	24th Apr.
Shanghai	24th Apr.
Straits	24th Apr.
Shanghai	24th Apr.
U. S. A. and Manila — (San Francisco date, 31st March)	25th Apr.
Shanghai	25th Apr.
Manila	25th Apr.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	25th Apr.
Haiphong, Hoihow & Port Bayard	25th Apr.
Saloon	25th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	25th Apr.
Canton	25th Apr.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 10th March)	26th Apr.
Shanghai	26th Apr.
Manila	26th Apr.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 20th April	27th Apr.
Shanghai	27th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	27th Apr.
Haiphong	27th Apr.
Canton	27th Apr.
Calcutta and Straits	28th Apr.
Shanghai and Amoy	28th Apr.
Japan	28th Apr.
U.S.A. and Manila — (San Francisco date, 16th Mar.)	28th Apr.
Haiphong	28th Apr.
Shanghai	28th Apr.
Shanghai	28th Apr.
Straits	28th Apr.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 11th April)	30th Apr.
Japan	30th Apr.
Shanghai	30th Apr.
Bandakan	30th Apr.
Shanghai and Amoy	30th Apr.
Java and Manila	30th Apr.
Straits and Manila	30th Apr.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 10th April)	30th Apr.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B. C. date 20th April)	30th May

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For	Date and Time
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 24th.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	10.30 AM
Bangkok	12.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — due San Francisco 1st May.	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" — due Paris 2nd May.	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
Straits.	7.00 PM
Japan.	7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. 25th
Canton	7.15 AM
Amoy.	10.00 AM
Parcels only for Tientsin	12.30 PM
Shanghai (Parcels only)	1.00 PM
Shanghai and Japan	1.30 PM
Port Bayard	2.30 PM
Haiphong	3.00 PM
	Parcels 5.00 PM
	Letters 7.00 PM
Straits and Calcutta	7.00 PM
Amoy.	7.00 PM
Shanghai.	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 26th
Straits and Calcutta	9.30 AM
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	10.30 AM
Tourane, Saigon and Bangkok	1.00 PM
Bandakan.	7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 27th
Port Bayard, Hoihow & Haiphong	Noon
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — due London 5th May	Reg. 5.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa.	Ord. 5.30 PM
	5.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 28th
Canton	7.15 AM
Amoy and Shanghai	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 29th
Haiphong	Noon
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 3.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Parcels 3.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tues. 30th
Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Haiphong	2.00 PM

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